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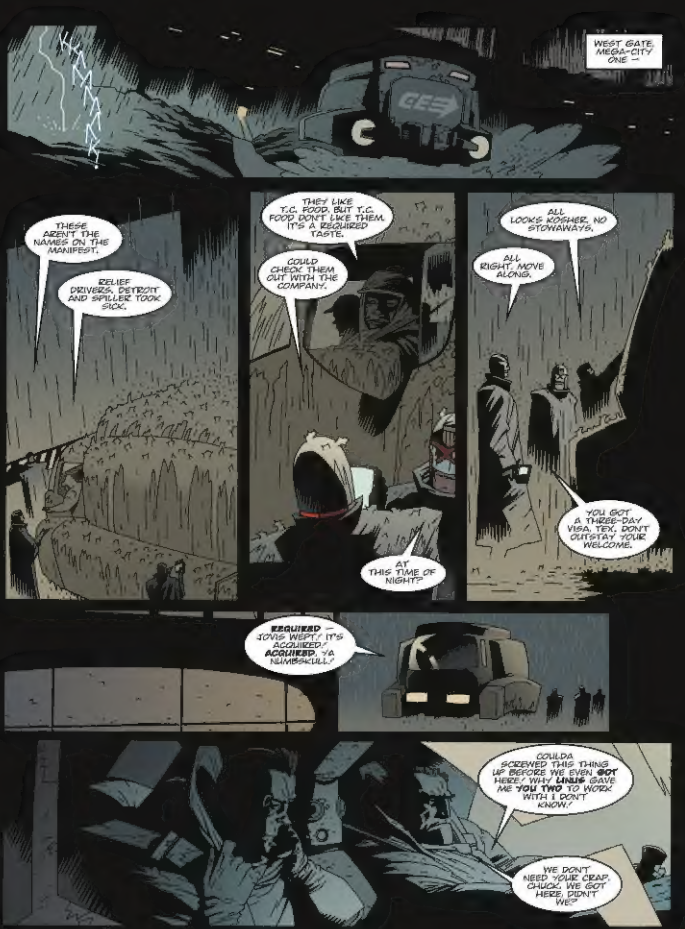
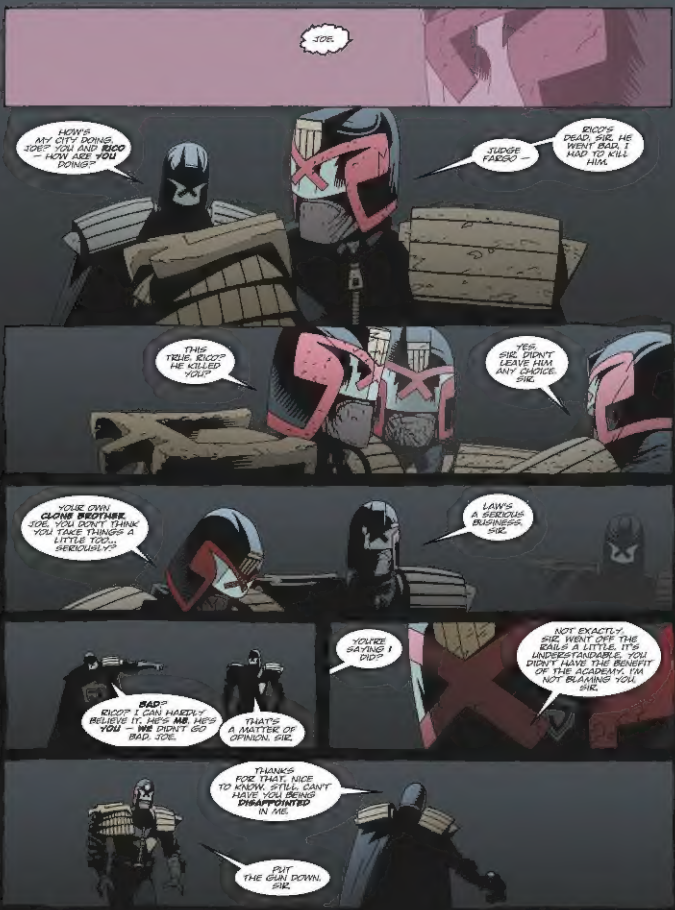
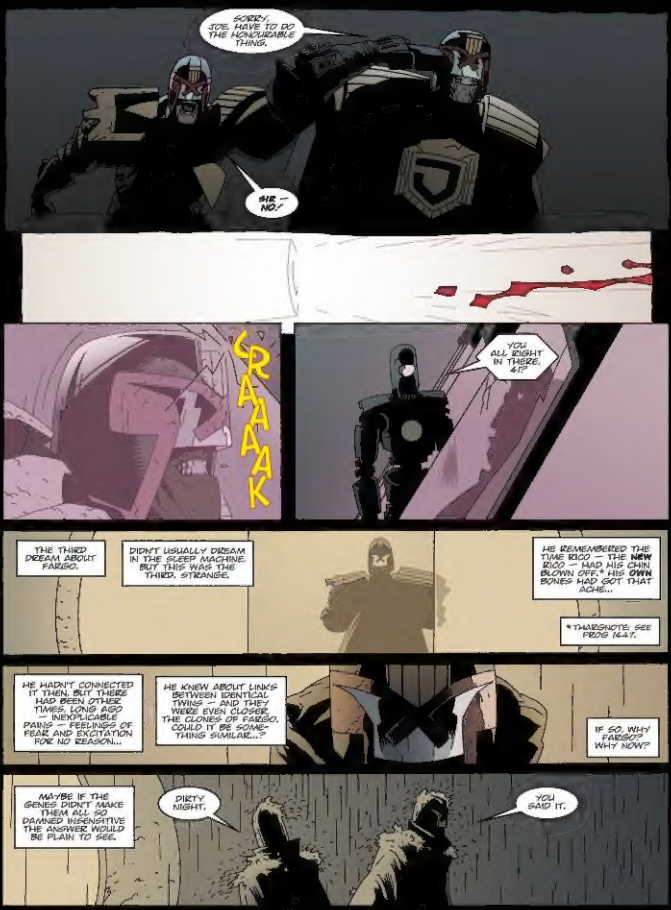
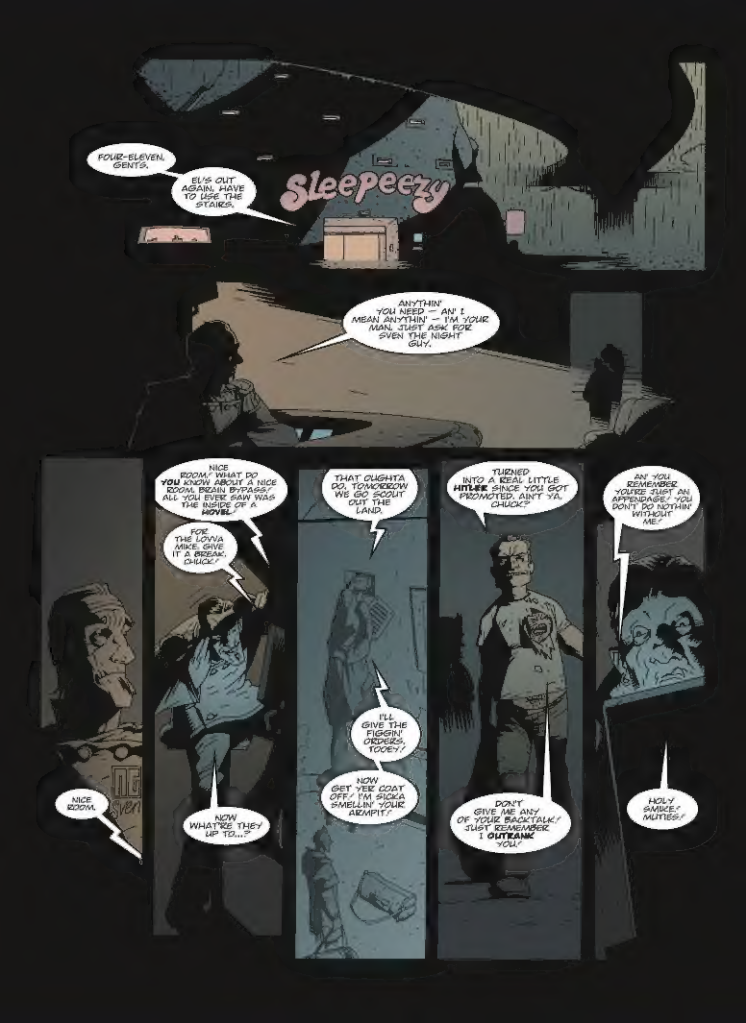
THE CURSED EARTH —
HELLS HIGHWAY DINER
GIMME AN ELTZWELT THERE, POP. EASY ON THE SKUZZ.
HEY, BIBBY. LONG TIME NO SEE.
BIG
K-TUNK!
H-HEY
PRAWNS


WHAMMM!
WEST GATE, MEGA-CITY ONE —
THESE AREN'T THE NAMES ON THE MANIFEST.
RELIEF DRIVERS, DETROIT AND SPILLER TOOK SICK.
THEY LIKE T.C. FOOD. BUT T.C. FOOD DON'T LIKE THEM. IT'S A REQUIRED TASTE.
COULD CHEOK THEM OUT WITH THE COMPANY.
AT THIS TIME OF NIGHT?
ALL LOOKS KOSHER. NO STOWAWAYS.
ALL RIGHT. MOVE ALONG.
YOU GOT A THREE-DAY VISA, TEX. DON'T OUTSTAY YOUR WELCOME.
REQUIRED JOVIS WEPT. IT'S ACQUIRED. ACQUIRED. YA NUMBSKULL.
COULDA SCREWED THIS THING UP BEFORE WE EVEN GOT HERE. WHY LINUS GAVE ME YOU TWO TO WORK WITH I DON'T KNOW.
WE DON'T NEED YOUR CRAP, CHUCK. WE GOT HERE, DIDN'T WE?

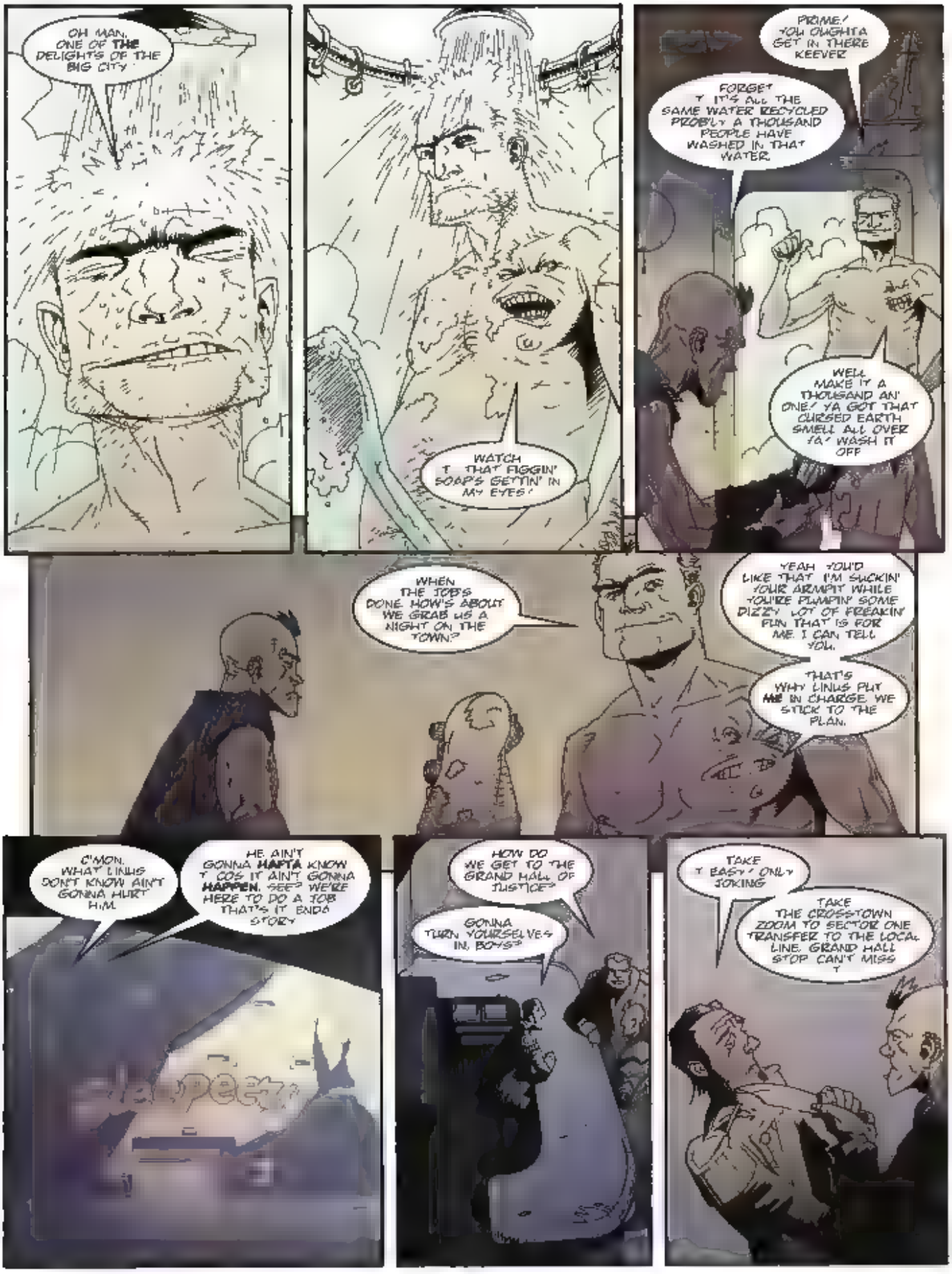
SECTOR HOUSE 213 —
213
DIRTY NIGHT.
STILL, KEEPS THE CREEPS OFF THE STREETS.
PLENTY GOING ON INDOORS, BELIEVE ME.
HOW LONG D'YOU WANT?
REGULATION TEN OUGHT TO DO.
TAKE 41.
YOU USED A SLEEP MACHINE BEFORE?
ONCE OR TWICE.
SORRY, GOT TO ASK. REGS.
SHEEZ! COULDN'T WE PARK IT ANY CLOSER TO CIVILISATION?
NO.

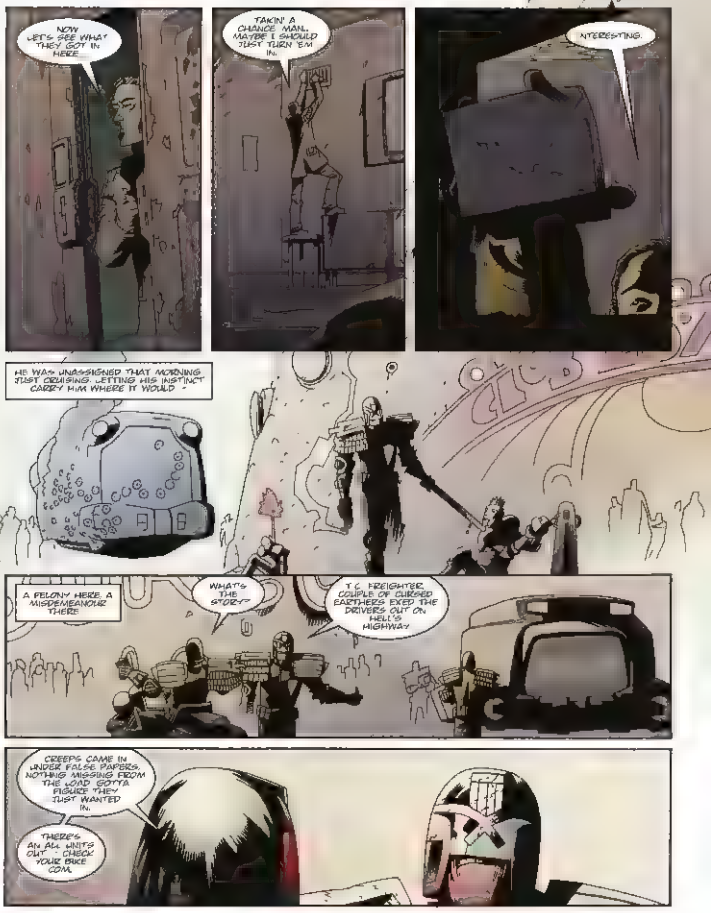

JOE.
HOW'S MY CITY DOING, JOE? YOU AND RICO — HOW ARE YOU DOING?
JUDGE FARGO —
RICO'S DEAD, SIR. HE WENT BAD. I HAD TO KILL HIM.
THIS TRUE, RICO? HE KILLED YOU?
YES, SIR. DIDN'T LEAVE HIM ANY CHOICE, SIR.
YOUR OWN CLONE BROTHER, JOE. YOU DON'T THINK YOU TAKE THINGS A LITTLE TOO... SERIOUSLY?
LAW'S A SERIOUS BUSINESS, SIR.
BAD? RICO? I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE IT. HE'S ME, HE'S YOU — WE DIDN'T GO BAD, JOE.
THAT'S A MATTER OF OPINION, SIR.
YOU'RE SAYING I DID?
NOT EXACTLY, SIR. WENT OFF THE RAILS A LITTLE. IT'S UNDERSTANDABLE. YOU DIDN'T HAVE THE BENEFIT OF THE ACADEMY. I'M NOT BLAMING YOU, SIR.
THANKS FOR THAT. NICE TO KNOW. STILL CAN'T HAVE YOU BEING DISAPPOINTED IN ME.
PUT THE GUN DOWN, SIR.

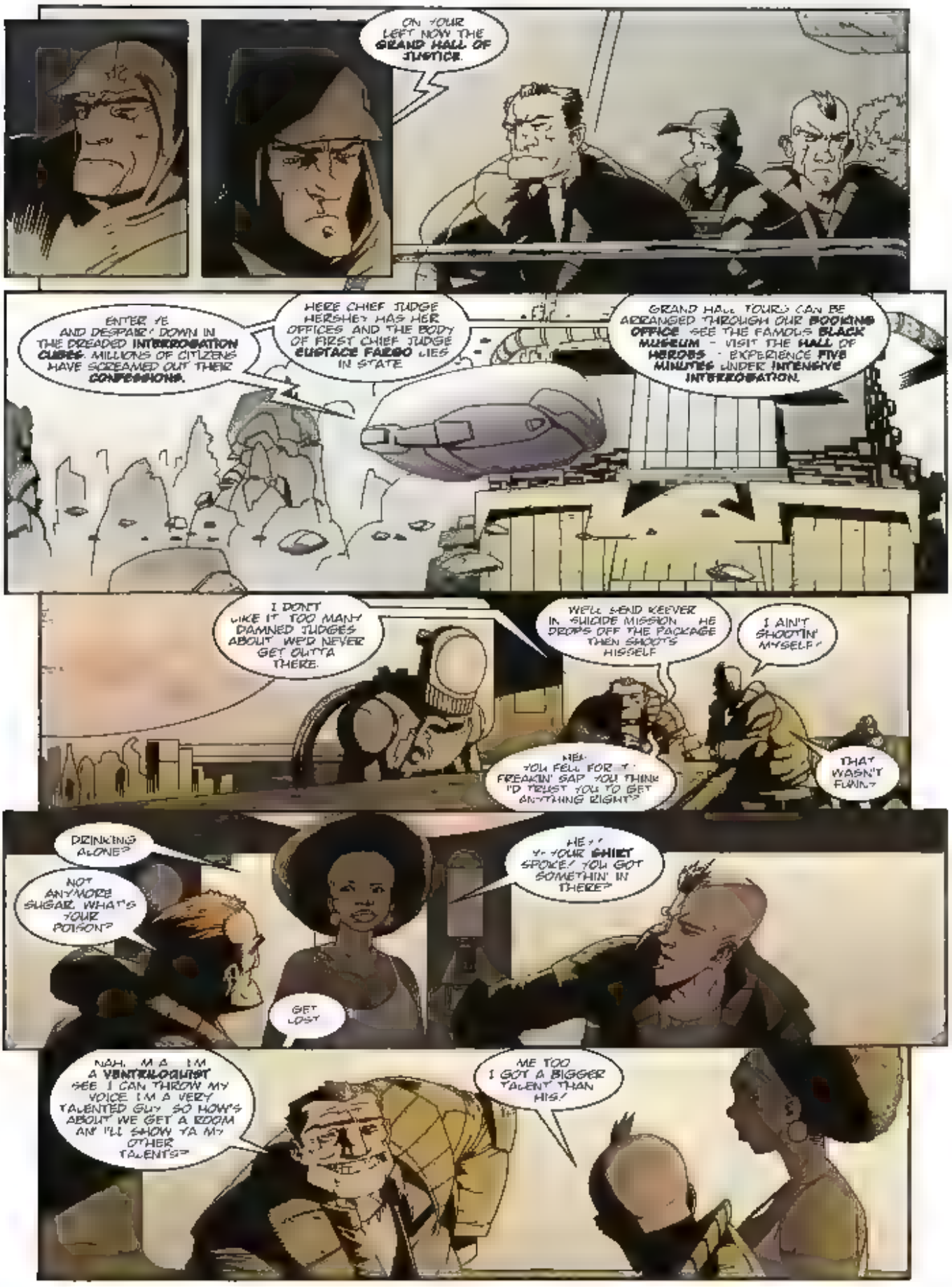

SORRY, JOE. HAVE TO DO THE HONOURABLE THING.
SIR — NO!
KRAAAK
YOU ALL RIGHT IN THERE, 417
THE THIRD DREAM ABOUT FARGO.
DIDN'T USUALLY DREAM IN THE SLEEP MACHINE, BUT THIS WAS THE THIRD. STRANGE.
HE REMEMBERED THE TIME RICO — THE NEW RICO — HAD HIS CHIN BLOWN OFF.* HIS OWN BLOWN OFF, HIS OWN BONES HAD GOT THAT ACHE...
*THARGNOTE: SEE PROG 1647.
HE HADN'T CONNECTED IT THEN. BUT THERE HAD BEEN OTHER TIMES, LONG AGO — INEXPLICABLE PAINS — FEELINGS OF FEAR AND EXCITATION FOR NO REASON...
HE KNEW ABOUT LINKS BETWEEN IDENTICAL TWINS — AND THEY WERE EVEN CLOSER, THE CLONES OF FARGO. COULD IT BE SOMETHING SIMILAR...?
IF SO, WHY FARGO? WHY NOW?
MAYBE IF THE GENES DIDN'T MAKE THEM ALL SO DAMNED INSENSITIVE THE ANSWER WOULD BE PLAIN TO SEE.
DIRTY NIGHT.
YOU SAID IT.


FOUR-ELEVEN, GENTS.
EL'S OUT AGAIN. HAVE TO USE THE STAIRS.
Sleepeezy
ANYTHIN' YOU NEED — AN' I MEAN ANYTHIN' — I'M YOUR MAN. JUST ASK FOR EVEN THE NIGHT GUY.
NICE ROOM. WHAT DO **YOU** KNOW ABOUT A NICE ROOM, BEAN-BYPASS? ALL YOU EVER SAW WAS THE INSIDE OF A **HOVEL**.
FOR THE LOWA MICE. GIVE IT A BREAK, CHUCK!
NICE ROOM.
NOW WHAT'RE THEY UP TO...?
THAT OUGHTA DO, TOMORROW WE GO SCOUT OUT THE LAND.
I'LL GIVE THE FIGGIN' ORDERS, TOOEY!
NOW GET YER COAT OFF. I'M SICKA SMELLIN' YOUR ARMPIT.
TURNED INTO A REAL LITTLE **HITLER** SINCE YOU GOT PROMOTED, AIN'T YA, CHUCK?
DONEY. GIVE ME ANY OF YOUR BACKTALK, JUST REMEMBER, I **OUTRANK** YOU.
AH, YOU REMEMBER YOU'RE JUST AN APPENDAGE! YOU DON'T DO NOTHIN' WITHOUT ME!
HOLY SMOKE! MUTIES!

DEAD MEN ARE FRANK JETSCHT 41 - PEDRO ELDON SPILLER 29 BOTH LEFT FOR CURSED EARTH BY NIGHT
STALL HOLDER HERMANN POPPLISS SERVED THEM TONIGHT ABOUT 0100 - DIDN'T NOTICE WHEN THEIR VEHICLE DROVE OUT
TWO STRAIGHT BREWS, BURGER AN' ELTZWEIT FRIES ONNA SIDE - THAT'S WHAT THEY ALWAYS HAD.
THEY'RE REGULARS IN THE T. C. BUT TIME OF DEATH I'D GUESS MIDNIGHT - AFTER 0100
DETROIT AND SPILLER THAT'S CURSED EARTH BY NIGHT 4
VEHICLE ENTERED CT AT 0232 RELIEF DRIVERS FARNESS AND LOPEZ CARRYING T C PAPERS. DAMN GOOD FORGERIES SHOULDVE CHECKED THEM UP WITH T C.
CREEPS'LL DO ANYTHING TO GET IN.
HAVE THOSE PUT OUT TO ALL UNITS.


OH MAN, ONE OF THE DELIGHTS OF THE BIG CITY
WATCH T THAT FIGGIN' SOAP'S GETTIN' IN MY EYES!
PRIME! YOU OUGHTA GET IN THERE KEEVER
FORGET T IT'S ALL THE SAME WATER RECYCLED PROBLY A THOUSAND PEOPLE HAVE WASHED IN THAT WATER.
WELL MAKE IT A THOUSAND AN' ONE! YA GOT THAT CURSED EARTH SMELL ALL OVER YA' WASH IT OFF
WHEN THE JOB'S DONE. HOW'S ABOUT WE GRAB US A NIGHT ON THE TOWN?
YEAH YOU'D LIKE THAT I'M SUCKIN' YOUR ARMPIT WHILE YOU'RE PLUMPIN' SOME DIZZY LOT OF FREAKIN' FUN THAT IS FOR ME. I CAN TELL YOU.
THAT'S WHY LINUS PUT ME IN CHARGE. WE STICK TO THE PLAN.
C'MON. WHAT LINUS DON'T KNOW AIN'T GONNA HURT HIM.
HE AIN'T GONNA HAFTA KNOW T COS IT AIN'T GONNA HAPPEN. SEE? WE'RE HERE TO DO A JOB THAT'S IT ENDS STORY
click-peck
HOW DO WE GET TO THE GRAND HALL OF JUSTICE?
GONNA TURN YOURSELVES IN, BOYS?
TAKE T EASY! ONLY JOKING
TAKE THE CROSSTOWN ZOOM TO SECTOR ONE TRANSFER TO THE LOCAL LINE. GRAND HALL STOP CAN'T MISS T

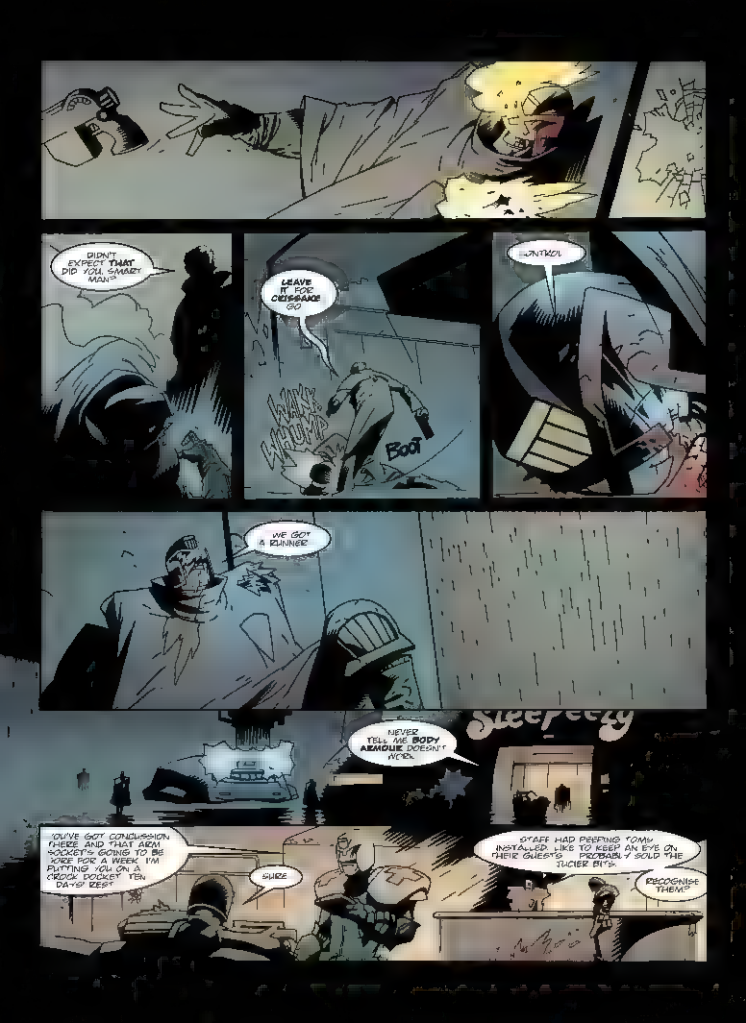

NOW LET'S SEE WHAT THEY GOT IN HERE.
TAKIN' A CHANCE MAN, MAYBE I SHOULD JUST TURN 'EM IN.
NTERESTING.
HE WAS UNASSIGNED THAT MORNING JUST CRUISING, LETTING HIS INSTINCT CARRY HIM WHERE IT WOULD -
A FELONY HERE, A MISDEMEANOR THERE.
WHAT'S THE STORY?
T.C. FREIGHTER, COUPLE OF CURSED EARTHERS EXED THE DRIVERS OUT ON HELL'S HIGHWAY.
CREEPS CAME IN UNDER FALSE PAPERS, NOTHING MISSING FROM THE LOAD. GOTTA FIGURE THEY JUST WANTED IN.
THERE'S AN ALL UNITS OUT - CHECK YOUR BIKE COM.

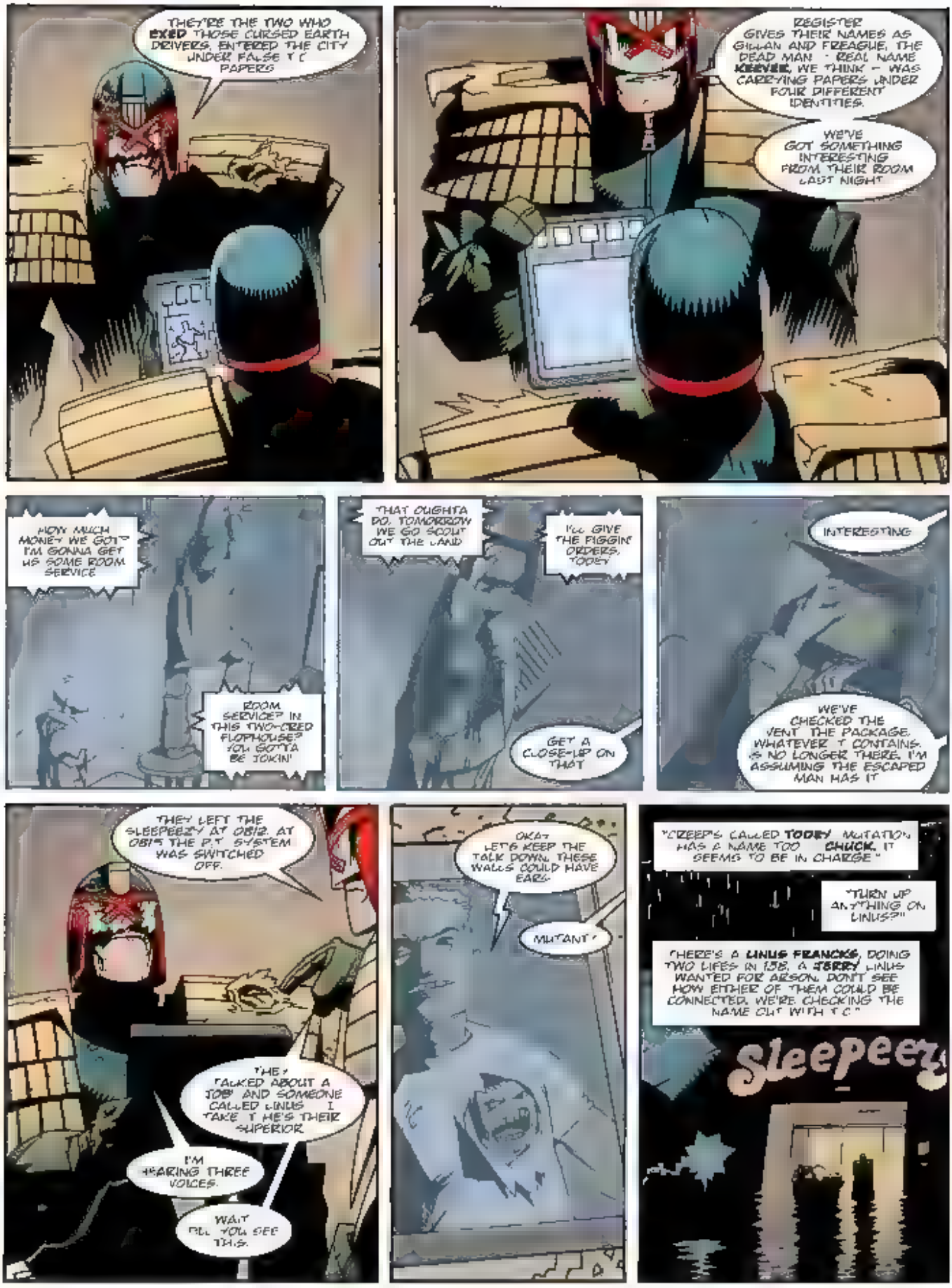

ON YOUR LEFT NOW THE GRAND HALL OF JUSTICE.
ENTER YE AND DESPAIR! DOWN IN THE DREADED INTERROGATION CUBES, MILLIONS OF CITIZENS HAVE SCREAMED OUT THEIR CONFESSIONS.
HERE CHIEF JUDGE HERSHEY HAS HER OFFICES AND THE BODY OF FIRST CHIEF JUDGE EUSTACE FARGO LIES IN STATE.
GRAND HALL TOURS CAN BE ARRANGED THROUGH OUR BOOKING OFFICE. SEE THE FAMOUS BLACK MUSEUM - VISIT THE HALL OF HEROES - EXPERIENCE FIVE MINUTES UNDER INTENSIVE INTERROGATION.
I DON'T LIKE IT. TOO MANY DAMNED JUDGES ABOUT. WE'D NEVER GET OUTTA THERE.
WE'LL SEND KEEVER IN. SUICIDE MISSION. HE DROPS OFF THE PACKAGE THEN SHOOTS HISSELF.
I AIN'T SHOOTIN' MYSELF!
HEH. YOU FELL FOR IT. FREAKIN' SAP. YOU THINK I'D TRUST YOU TO GET ANYTHING RIGHT?
THAT WASN'T FUNNY.
DRINKING ALONE?
NOT ANYMORE SUGAR. WHAT'S YOUR POISON?
HEY! Y- YOUR SHIRT SPOKE! YOU GOT SOMETHIN' IN THERE?
GET LOST.
NAH. M A - I'M A VENTRILOQUIST. SEE I CAN THROW MY VOICE. I'M A VERY TALENTED GUY. SO HOW'S ABOUT WE GET A ROOM AN' I'LL SHOW YA MY OTHER TALENTS?
ME TOO. I GOT A BIGGER TALENT THAN HIS!

THERE IT GOES AGAIN! I-I NEVER SAW YOUR LIPS MOVE -
WOW. NEVER SAW YOUR LIPS MOVE!
ARE YOU DEAF OR SOMETHING LADY? I SAID HI! THE BOMB!
AN' YA AIN'T GONNA SEE NOTHIN' ELSE MOVE NEITHER, YA DISEASE RIDDEN LITTLE SLAB CAT GO FIND SOME OTHER MUGS TA PESTER.
YOU GUYS ARE DEFINITELY WEIRD!
THANKS A FIGGIN' LOT CHUCK
TOLD YA KEEP YOUR MINDS OUTA TOM. LET'S GET BACK. I DON'T TRUST THAT LITTLE TEEK ON RECEPTION.
LOOK. ALL WE GOTTA DO IS DELIVER A PACKAGE. WHY DON'T WE JUST MAIL IT TO EM AN' GET OUTTA HERE?
OOH WE GOTTA BE SURE IT GETS THERE BRAIN. YOU KNOW HOW MANY CROOKS THERE ARE IN THIS CITY?
THE HELL?
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
THE BOX IS GONE!

I MAD BEEN ATE A FLY NIGH
THE CURSED EARTH BY NIGHT KILLERS MIGHT HAVE A CONTACT A PRE-ARRANGED RENDEZVOUS IF NOT THEY'D BE LOOKING TO GET IN OUT OF THE RAIN.
Sleepeezy
FAR ENOUGH AWAY BUT NOT TOO FAR
WHERE IS IT?
WH- WH WHERE'S WHAT?
THE BOX!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKIN ABOUT I ONLY BEEN ON SINCE NINE
AND WHERE DO WE FIND SVEN?
ASK SVEN, SVEN THE NIGHT GUY!
JEEZUS JOYUS

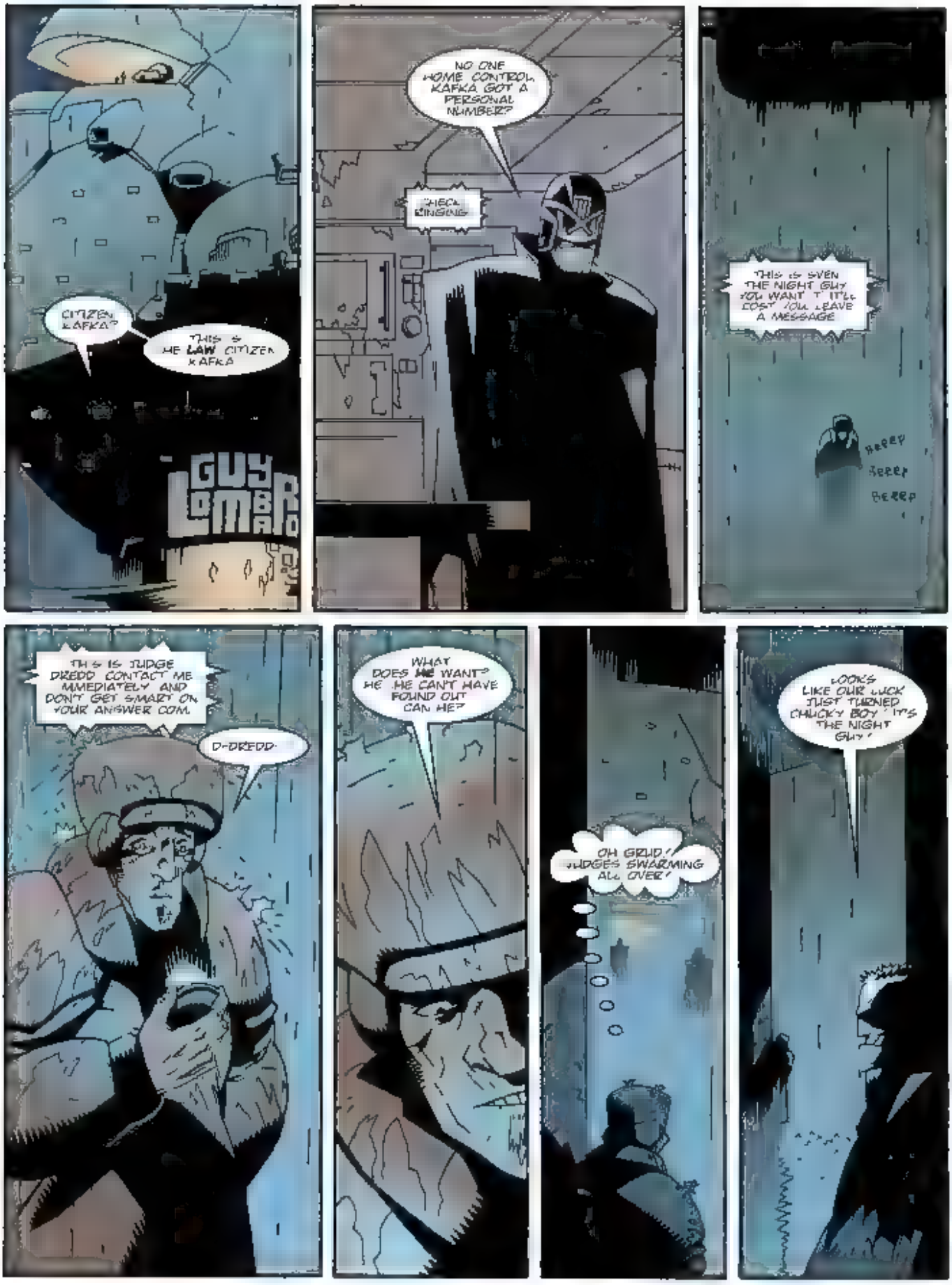
CONTROL? WE HAVE A HOLD-UP SLEEPREZ ON JONSON!
I'M WALKIN' OUTA HERE, LAWMAN!
ONLY WAY TO FAST ME? DROP IT!
D-DO WHAT HE SAYS! HE'S A JUDGE! HE'LL KILL US BOTH!
IN YOUR CASE, I'LL SAVE HIM THE TROUBLE!


DIDN'T EXPECT THAT DID YOU, SMART MAN?
LEAVE IT FOR CRISSAKE GO
BOOT
WHAT?
WE GOT A RUNNER
NEVER TELL ME BODY ARMOUR DOESN'T WORK
SLEEPEEZY
YOU'VE GOT CONCUSSION THERE AND THAT ARM SOCKET'S GOING TO BE SORE FOR A WEEK I'M PUTTING YOU ON A CREDIT DOCKET TEN DAYS' REST
SURE
STAFF HAD PEEPING TOMS INSTALLED. LIKE TO KEEP AN EYE ON THEIR GUESTS. PROBABLY SOLD THE JUICIER BITS
RECOGNISE THEM?


THEY'RE THE TWO WHO EXED THOSE CURSED EARTH DRIVERS, ENTERED THE CITY UNDER FALSE I.C. PAPERS
REGISTER GIVES THEIR NAMES AS GILLIAN AND FREAGUE, THE DEAD MAN - REAL NAME KEEVER, WE THINK - WAS CARRYING PAPERS UNDER FOUR DIFFERENT IDENTITIES.
WE'VE GOT SOMETHING INTERESTING FROM THEIR ROOM LAST NIGHT
HOW MUCH MONEY WE GOT? I'M GONNA GET US SOME ROOM SERVICE
ROOM SERVICE? IN THIS TWO-CRED FLOPHOUSE? YOU GOTTA BE JOKIN'
THAT OUGHTA DO. TOMORROW WE GO SCOUT OUT THE LAND
I'LL GIVE THE PIGGIN' ORDERS, TODEY
GET A CLOSE-UP ON THAT
INTERESTING
WE'VE CHECKED THE VENT THE PACKAGE, WHATEVER IT CONTAINS, IS NO LONGER THERE. I'M ASSUMING THE ESCAPED MAN HAS IT
THEY LEFT THE SLEEPEEZY AT 0812. AT 0815 THE P.T. SYSTEM WAS SWITCHED OFF.
THEY TALKED ABOUT A JOB AND SOMEONE CALLED LINUS. I TAKE IT HE'S THEIR SUPERIOR.
I'M HEARING THREE VOICES.
WAIT TILL YOU SEE THIS.
OKAY. LET'S KEEP THE TALK DOWN. THESE WALLS COULD HAVE EARS.
MUTANT.
"CREEP'S CALLED TODEY. MUTATION HAS A NAME TOO, CHUCK. IT SEEMS TO BE IN CHARGE."
"TURN UP ANYTHING ON LINUS?"
"THERE'S A LINUS FRANCKS, DOING TWO LIFES IN 158. A JERRY LINUS WANTED FOR ARSON. DON'T SEE HOW EITHER OF THEM COULD BE CONNECTED. WE'RE CHECKING THE NAME OUT WITH I.C."
Sleepeezy

SO WHO ARE THEY? WHAT ARE THEY HERE FOR? WHAT'S IN THAT BOX?
EVEN THE NIGHT GUY LIVED ALONE IN GUY LOMBARDO.
GOTTA BE WORTH SOMETHIN'. GOTTA BE WORTH A LOT WAY THEY HID IT.
ANOTHER BOX JEWELLER'S MAYBE.
FRICKERATED-WEIRD
HELL SOME KINDA RANSOM NOTE. KIDNAPPERS. THEY GOT THIS GUY FARGO -
PRICE FOR RE
ILLION CRED
D CURREN
I DON'T WANT ANY PART OF THIS, MAN. GOTTA HAND IT IN TO THE JAYS...
B-BUT THEY'LL WANT TO KNOW HOW I GOT IT. THEY'LL FIND OUT ABOUT ME TAKIN' STUFF FROM THE ROOMS-
WHAT'M I GONNA DO?
CLIK

DIE! DIE BY THE PROPHESIES OF GROTH!
WE CAN GO TO GANT
YEAH? WHAT WITH?
A SIMPLE JOB. AND WE FOULED IT UP! I BLAME YOU AN' KEEVER
ME? HOW AM I TO BLAME?
EYCUSE ME YOU KEEP TALKING TO YOURSELF
YEAH. AN' YOUR WRINKLES KEEP FLAPPIN'! FLAKE OFF YOU OLD BAG I GOT BUSINESS TO DISCUSS
WELL!
WE GOTTA GET THE BOX BACK THAT LITTLE GEEK ON RECEPTION - THAT'S WHO TOOK IT
HOW WE SUPPOSED TO FIND HIM?
SIMPLE HE'S THE NIGHT GUY AIN'T HE? HE'S GOT TO SHOW HIMSELF TONIGHT

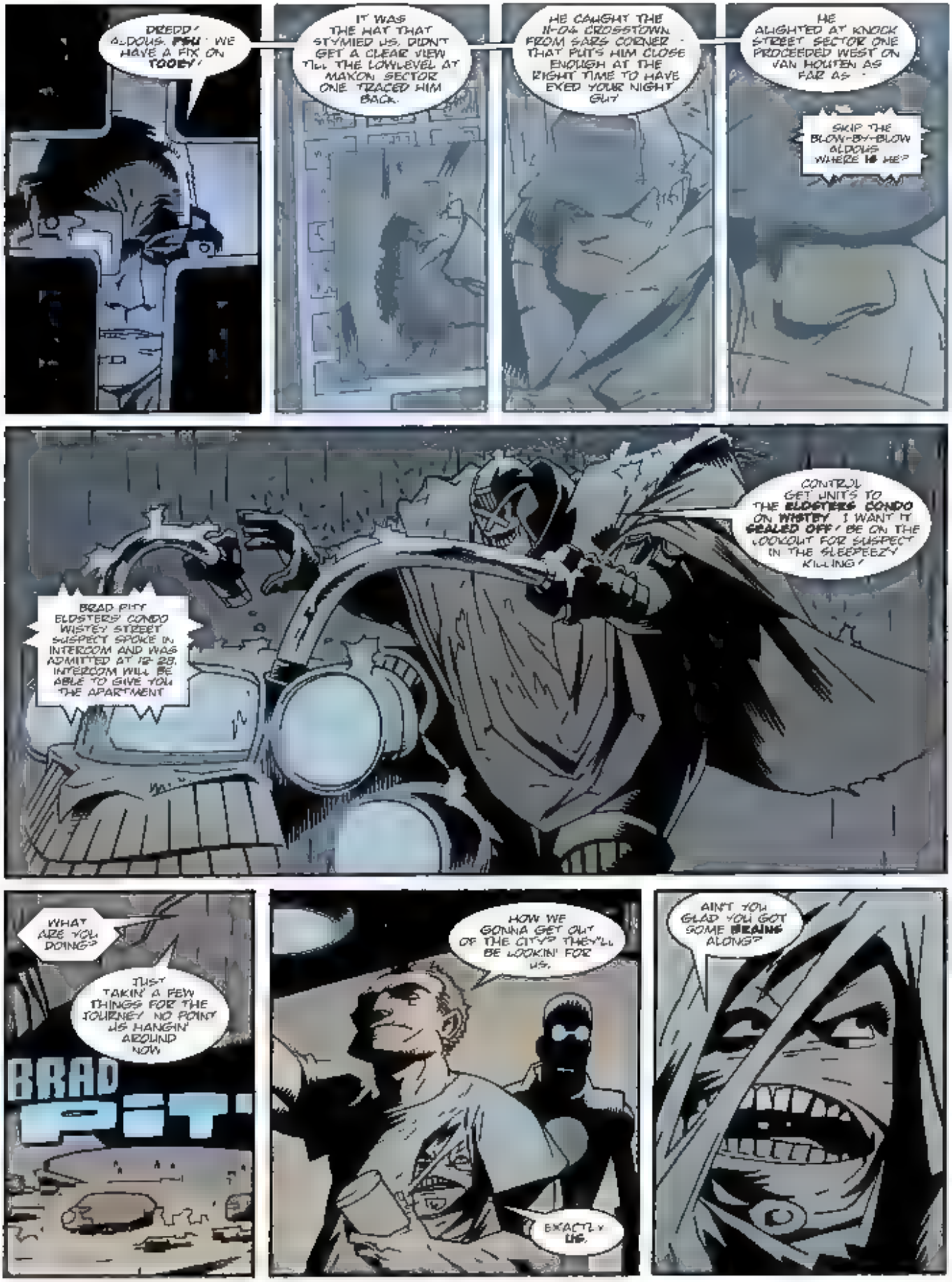

GUY LOMBARDO
CITIZEN KAFKA?
THIS IS THE LAW CITIZEN KAFKA
NO ONE HOME CONTROL. KAFKA GOT A PERSONAL NUMBER?
CHECK RINGING
THIS IS SVEN THE NIGHT GUY YOU WANT T' IT'LL COST YOU LEAVE A MESSAGE
BEEEP BEEEP BEEEP
THIS IS JUDGE DREDD CONTACT ME IMMEDIATELY AND DON'T GET SMART ON YOUR ANSWER COM.
D-DREDD
WHAT DOES HE WANT? HE HE CAN'T HAVE FOUND OUT CAN HE?
OH GRUD! JUDGES SWARMING ALL OVER!
LOOKS LIKE OUR LUCK JUST TURNED CHUCKY BOY! IT'S THE NIGHT GUY!

EVEN KAFKA NIGHT GUY AT THE SLEEPEEZY ON JONSON, STABBED EIGHT TIMES, THROAT SLASHED, DUMPED IN THE GARBSTER.
HOW LONG AGO?
STILL PRETTY FRESH SAY THIRTY MINUTES TOPS.
FOUND THIS IN HIS COM. FIGURED YOU'D WANT TO BE INFORMED
THIS IS JUDGE DREDD CONTACT ME IMMEDIATELY AND DON'T GET SMART ON YOUR ANSWER COM.
KAFKA HAD BEEN ON OUT AT THE SLEEPEEZY THE PREVIOUS NIGHT. WHEN THE CURSED EARTHERS HAD ARRIVED. THERE HAD TO BE A CONNECTION.
MAYBE HE'D SEEN SOMETHING HAD SOMETHING ON THEM. MAYBE HE KNEW ABOUT THE BOX
WE CALL IT THE MABUFFIN, JOE. THE DEVICE THE THING EVERYBODY WANTS.
COULD IT BE SOMETHING TO DO WITH YOU SIR?
YOU HAVE EVIDENCE?
COULD BE PANDORA'S BOX JOE. IT AND YOU'LL GET MORE THAN YOU BARGAINED ON.
IT'S A BOX SIR. THE MUTANT BROUGHT IT IN. DON'T KNOW WHAT'S IN IT.
NO SIR. JUST A SUSPICION. THESE DREAMS I'VE BEEN HAVING... LIKE THIS ONE.

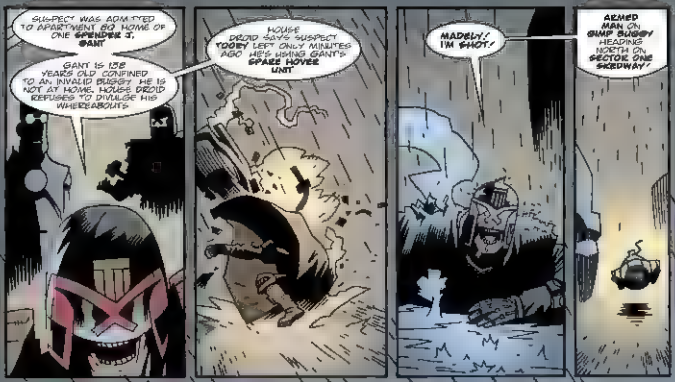
YOU ALL RIGHT THERE?
A LITTLE DIZZY. IT'LL PASS.
AREN'T YOU ON THE DISABLED LIST?
WHO HAS TIME?
STILL MAYBE I OUGHT TO GRAB A SESSION ON THE SPEEDHEAL.
CAN'T HURT
YOUR SUSPECT IS CALLED TOOEY - MUTANT KILLED THE DAY GUY AT THE SLEEPEEZY AND TWO TRUCK DRIVERS OUT ON HELL'S HIGHWAY
THEY HAD AN ALL UNITS OUT ON THE MUTANT PSU WAS ON THE CASE THEY'D FIND HIM. PROBABLY SOONER THAN LATER.
BRAD PITT
YES?
I'M A FRIEND OF A FRIEND MR GANT IF I WAS EVER IN THE CITY LINUS SAID TO LOOK YOU UP
LINUS?
THAT'S WHAT I SAID.
LOOK LET ME IN. WILL YA MR GANT?

NICE PLACE YOU GOT HERE.
WHO ARE YOU? WHAT DO YOU WANT?
'TS WHAT OUR MUTUAL FRIEND WANTS GANT
M M' GOD
HEY YOU GOT A DRINK OR SOMETHIN' GANT? I'M DRY AS A RADBUSH HERE
OF OF COURSE ARTHUR
SIR
SO YOU SEE GANT ME AN' TOOEY HERE GOT A SIZABLE BONE TO PICK WITH TH:S CITY SAME GOES FOR OUR MUTUAL FRIEND. THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE.
SHOW HIM THE PACKAGE TOOEY
WHAT WHAT :S IT?
THINGS WENT A BIT WRONG THE JUDGES ARE LOOK'N' FOR US. SOMEBODY'S GOT TO DEL VER T
WE THOUGHT YOU COULD HELP US. FOR OLD TIMES SAKE

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT, SIR?
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO TELL ME?
FEEL SOFT CAN ANYBODY TELL YOU ANYTHING YET?
THAT'S THE TROUBLE WITH US, WITH YOU WITH ME. WE KNOW IT ALL. ALL WE CAN SEE IS A STRAIGHT LINE. JUSTICE. LET JUSTICE BE DONE.
THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS, YOU SAID SO YOURSELF THOUGH, THE HEAVENS FALL.
AND IF GOD THE FELL ON ME OR YOU.
IT'S NOT TOO LATE JOE.
FOR WHAT? WHAT?
IT'S A MINOR CONCUSSION, NO BIG DEAL. ANOTHER COUPLE OF SESSIONS OUGHT TO FIX IT. WOULDN'T RECOMMEND ANY GYMNASTICS MEANWHILE.
I'LL DO MY BEST.
YOU WERE TALKING TO YOURSELF THERE. YOU DO THAT A LOT?
WHEN OF AGE, I GUESS.

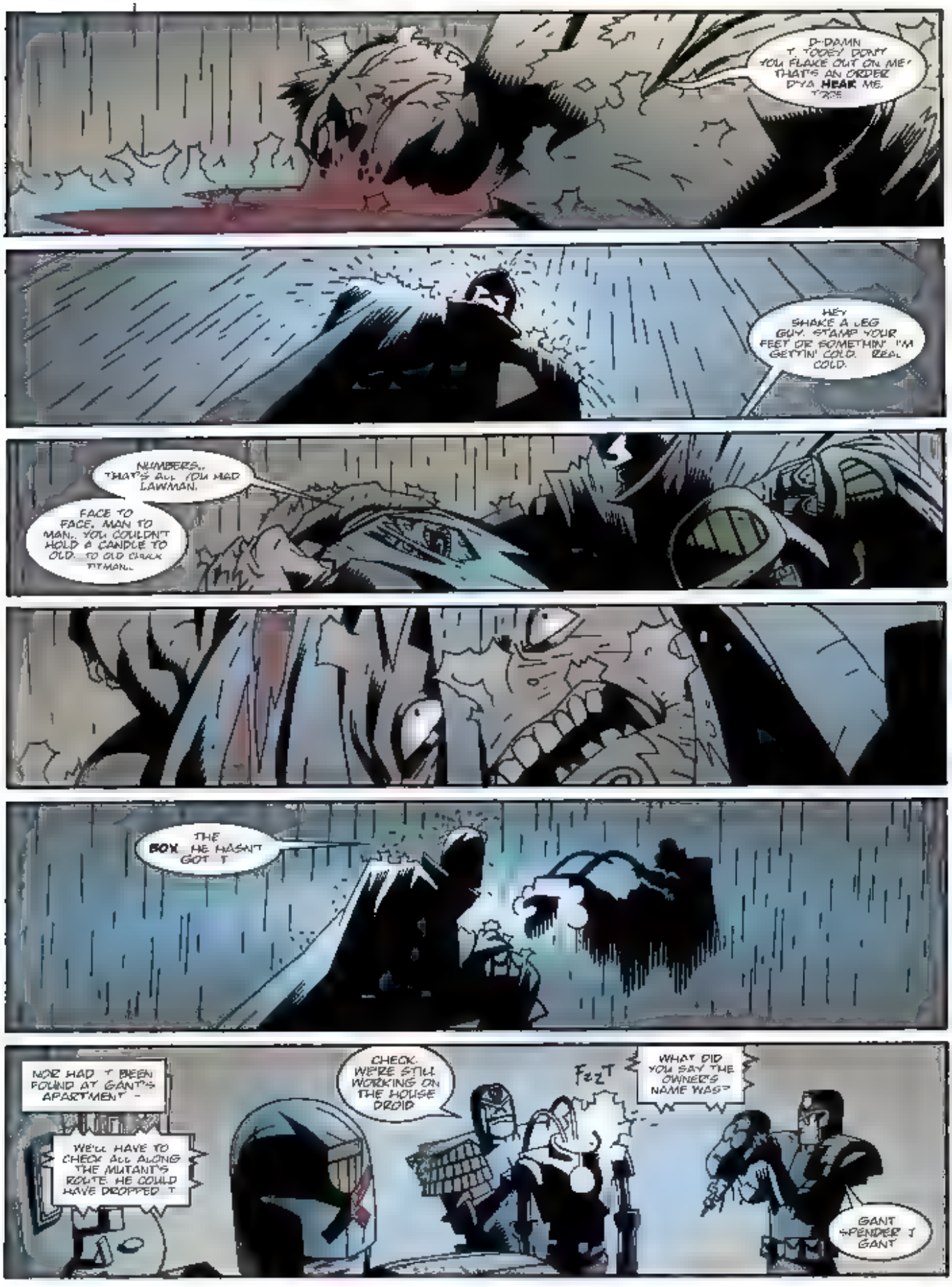

DREDD! ALDOUS. PSU. WE HAVE A FIX ON TOOEY!
IT WAS THE HAT THAT STYMIED US. DIDN'T GET A CLEAR VIEW TILL THE LOWLEVEL AT MAKON SECTOR ONE TRACED HIM BACK.
HE CAUGHT THE N-04 CROSSTOWN FROM SARS CORNER - THAT PUTS HIM CLOSE ENOUGH AT THE RIGHT TIME TO HAVE EXED YOUR NIGHT GUY
HE ALIGHTED AT KNOCK STREET SECTOR ONE PROCEEDED WEST ON VAN HOUTEN AS FAR AS -
SKIP THE BLOW-BY-BLOW ALDOUS WHERE IS HE?
CONTROL GET UNITS TO THE ELOSTERS CONDO ON WISTEY. I WANT IT SEALED OFF! BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR SUSPECT IN THE SLEEPEEZY KILLING!
BRAD PITT ELOSTERS' CONDO WISTEY STREET SUSPECT SPOKE IN INTERCOM AND WAS ADMITTED AT 12:28. INTERCOM WILL BE ABLE TO GIVE YOU THE APARTMENT
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
JUST TAKIN' A FEW THINGS FOR THE JOURNEY. NO POINT US HANGIN' AROUND NOW.
BRAD PIT
HOW WE GONNA GET OUT OF THE CITY? THEY'LL BE LOOKIN' FOR US.
EXACTLY. LIE.
AIN'T YOU GLAD YOU GOT SOME BRAINS ALONG?

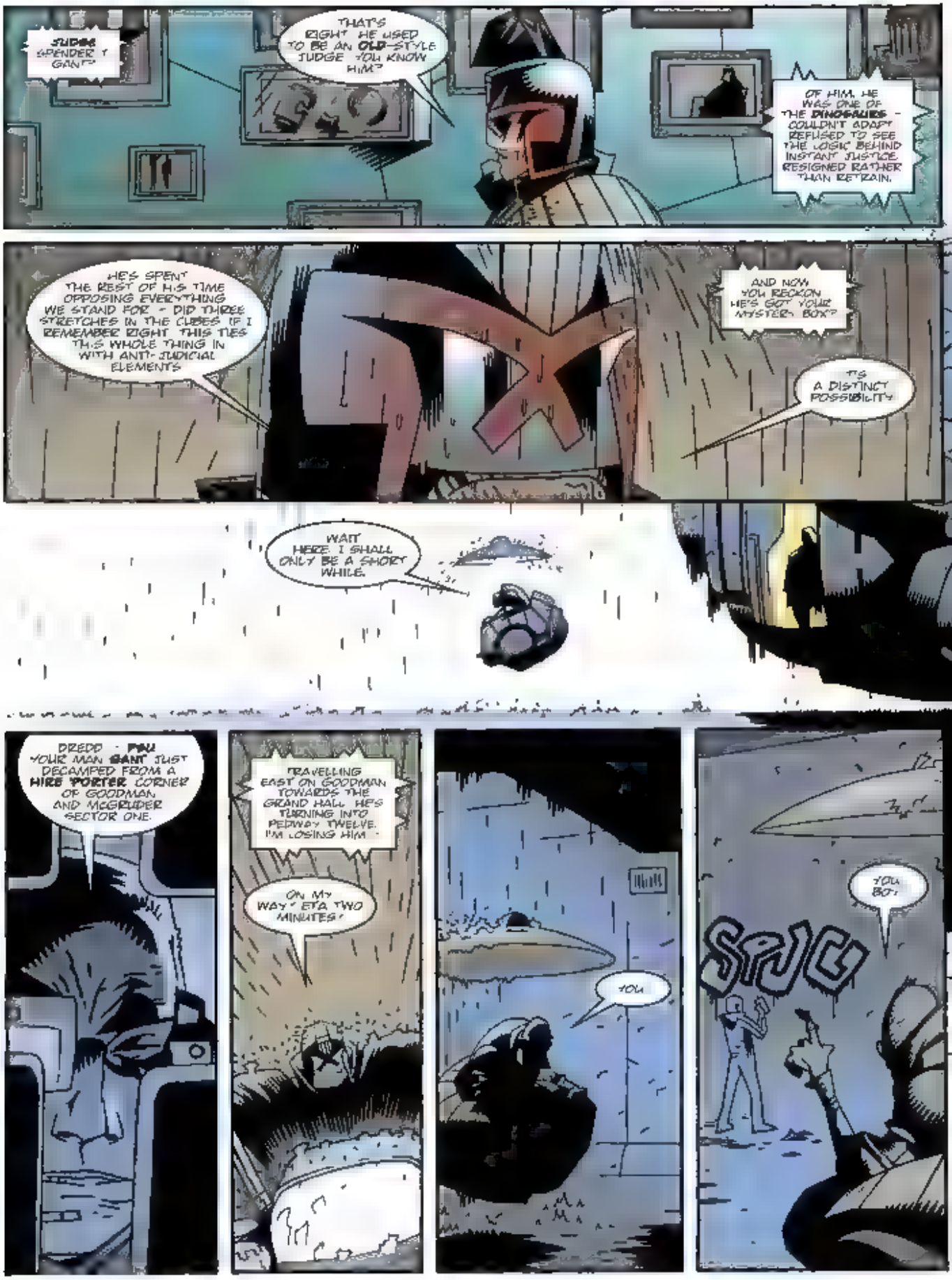
YOU THERE. HOLD IT
STOP! NOBODY LEAVES
STEER STRAIGHT DAMM IT
YOU TRY IT
HOWWKKKK
HOWWKKKKK
JEEZUS JOVIS! GET IN THE TRAFFIC AN' WE'RE SAFE. YOU SAID
JUST KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE ROAD!
HOVER BUGGY IN THE CRAWLER LANE! PULL OVER!
HELL
DIE YOU BASTARD


SUSPECT WAS ADMITTED TO APARTMENT #13 HOME OF ONE SPENDER J. GANT
GANT IS 128 YEARS OLD CONFINED TO AN INVALID BUGGY. HE IS NOT AT HOME. HOUSE DROID REFUSES TO DIVULGE HIS WHEREABOUTS
HOUSE DROID SAYS SUSPECT TOOBY LEFT ONLY MINUTES AGO! HE'S USING GANT'S SPARE HOVER UNIT
MADELY! I'M SHOT!
ARMED MAN ON GIMP BUGGY HEADING NORTH ON SECTOR ONE SKEDWAY!

GOT TO BE THE MUTANT!
DREDD! INTERCEPTING THAT HOVER BUGGY!

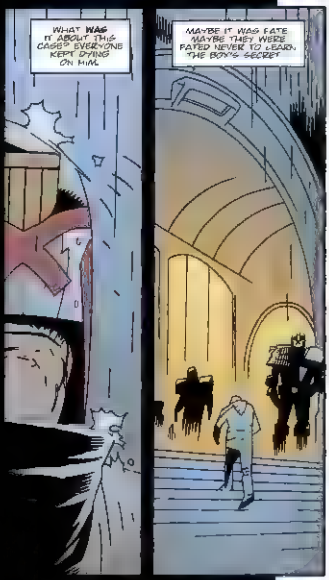
END OF THE ROAD MUTANT
KRAM!
UHHHH!
NO WAY NO WAY YOU'RE GETTIN' ME IN ONE OF YOUR MEGA-CITY HELLHOLES
I CAN'T SEE WHAT'S GOING ON TOOEY!
YOU'LL KILL YOURSELF
TOOEY, WHAT'RE YOU UP TO?
DID IT!
HOW DO YA LIKE THEM POTATOES, CITY BOY?
UH-OH.
TOOE REPORT POSITION! THAT'S AN ORDER
SPERLATT T T!
CRAZY FOOL


D-DAMN T. TODEY DON'T YOU FLAKE OUT ON ME! THAT'S AN ORDER D'YA HEAR ME, T-2?
HEY SHAKE A LEG GUY. STAMP YOUR FEET OR SOMETHIN' I'M GETTIN' COLD. REAL COLD.
NUMBERS.. THAT'S ALL YOU MAD LAWMAN.
FACE TO FACE. MAN TO MAN. YOU COULDN'T HOLD A CANDLE TO OLD. TO OLD DARK FITMAN.
THE BOX. HE HASN'T GOT T
NOR HAD T BEEN FOUND AT GANT'S APARTMENT -
WE'LL HAVE TO CHECK ALL ALONG THE MUTANT'S ROUTE. HE COULD HAVE DROPPED T
CHECK. WE'RE STILL WORKING ON THE HOUSE DROID
FzzT
WHAT DID YOU SAY THE OWNER'S NAME WAS?
GANT SPENDER J GANT


JUDGE SPENDER ? GANT?
THAT'S RIGHT. HE USED TO BE AN OLD-STYLE JUDGE. YOU KNOW HIM?
OF HIM. HE WAS ONE OF THE DINOSAURS - COULDN'T ADOPT REFUSED TO SEE THE LOGIC BEHIND INSTANT JUSTICE. RESIGNED RATHER THAN RETRAIN.
HE'S SPENT THE REST OF HIS TIME OPPOSING EVERYTHING WE STAND FOR - DID THREE STRETCHES IN THE CUBES IF I REMEMBER RIGHT. THIS TIES TH.S WHOLE THING IN WITH ANTI-JUDICIAL ELEMENTS
AND NOW YOU RECKON HE'S GOT YOUR MYSTERY BOX?
IT'S A DISTINCT POSSIBILITY
WAIT HERE. I SHALL ONLY BE A SHORT WHILE.
DREDD - PAU YOUR MAN GANT JUST DECAMPED FROM A HIRE PORTER CORNER OF GOODMAN AND MCGRUDER SECTOR ONE.
TRAVELLING EAST ON GOODMAN TOWARDS THE GRAND HALL. HE'S TURNING INTO PEDWAY TWELVE. I'M LOSING HIM -
ON MY WAY - ETA TWO MINUTES -
YOU
SJG
YOU, BOY!

WATCHA WANT?
WANT TO EARN A HUNDRED CREDITS, BOY?
SURE. WHADDA I GOTTA DO?
DELIVER THIS TO THE GRAND HALL OF JUSTICE FIFTY CREDITS NOW FIFTY WHEN YOU'VE DONE THE JOB. AND I'LL BE WATCHING
GANT IS EMERGING FROM THE PEDWAY HE'S MAKING HIS WAY IN THE DIRECTION OF THE HIRE PORTER
GANT! YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!
OH NO
UNNH!
DROKK! MED WAGON REQUIRED
UHH - UHHHH—

HEART ATTACK. THE RIGHT OF YOU I SUPPOSE. NOT ENTIRELY SURPRISING AT HIS AGE.
TERRIFIC.
NOTHING IN THE BUGGY OR THE HIKES POCKETS. IT PICKED HIM UP ON ELEVENTH BOULEVARD.
GET A FULL TEAM ON IT. SEARCH THE ROUTE FROM ELEVENTH TO HIS BLOCK. I'LL MAKE A START ON THE MEDINA.
RUG


WHAT WAS IT ABOUT THIS BOY? EVERYONE KEPT DYING ON HIM.
MAYBE IT WAS FATE. MAYBE THEY WERE FATED NEVER TO LEARN THE BOY'S SECRET.

ORIGINS

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THANKS TO
EDDIE .GIS

LOGAN!
NO NEED TO SHOUT. I WAS THIST NEXT DOOR.
HERE'S A LIST
CHECK STATUS AND AVAILABILITY. ALL CLEARED EARTH IMMUNISATIONS UP TO DATE. RATIONS FOR THIRTY DAYS. READY TO LEAVE AT 0800
COMM. VENABLES... WATTES... RENGA
I NEED EIGHT. COULD ONLY THINK OF SIX BUT OUT OF TOUCH.
ENINESDAY'S NO GO - CAUGHT A LOAD ON THAT SPEKER FIASCO
ZMAN IS GOOD. HE'S AVAILABLE. YOU COULD TRY CURZON. JUST GRADUATED BUT HE'S SHARP AND THERE'S ME
YOU?
I KNOW THIS TRIP PLAYS ME UP BUT IT'S JUST PAIN. THAT'S ALL. I ALWAYS GET OVERLOOKED FOR THE PLUMS.
HMMM.
ALL RIGHT, LOGAN, BUT YOU BREAK DOWN, YOU GO HOME ON YOUR OWN. YOU MAY FIND THIS IS NO PLUM.
COMM. AND VENABLES - ARE MED STAFF YOU EXPECTING CASUALTIES THEN?
ALWAYS EXPECT THAT WAY. YOU WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED.

MEGA-CITY ONE SECTOR NINE
WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM PERSONS UNKNOWN A RANSOM DEMAND FOR THE RETURN OF THE BODY OF JUDGE EUSTACE FARGO
IT'S MISSING?
HIS TOMB IN THE HALL OF JUSTICE I PASSED T ONLY YESTERDAY
HOW COULD ANYONE GET TO IT THERE
THEY DIDN'T HAVE TO. I HAVE SOME INFORMATION FOR YOU AND THIS GOES NO FURTHER THAN THIS ROOM
JUDGE FARGO HAS NEVER BEEN IN THAT TOMB
YOU'RE KIDDING. BUT WE WERE ALWAYS TOLD
FABRICATED
FARGO'S BODY WAS... SHALL WE SAY MISAPPROPRIATED UNTIL NOW WE HAD THOUGHT IT LOST FOREVER
I SEE. NOW

ONE BILLION CREDITS.
THAT'S SERIOUS MONEY
THAT WAS THE DEMAND. ALL USED ALL IMPOSSIBLE TO TRACE
YOU DON'T THINK I OUGHT TO BE IN SOMETHING MORE SECURE? A FEW HEAVY LASERS AT LEAST?
THAT WAS ALSO PART OF THE TERMS - AND JUST ENOUGH OF US TO DEFEND IT FROM RANDOM ATTACK
WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN A ROUTE. WE WILL RECEIVE FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS ALONG THE WAY. WHOEVER THEY ARE THEY'VE TAKING NO CHANCES
PARDON ME FOR SAYING IT BUT IT'S A LOT OF DANGER AND EXPENSE TO GO TO GIVE A DEAD MAN.
C'MON, WATERS. PAREGO'S THE FUTURE OF JUSTICE YOU CAN'T LEAVE HIS BODY IN CRIMINAL HANDS.
HOW DO WE KNOW THEY'VE GOT THE BODY ANYWAYS?
WE HAVE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF PHYSICAL EVIDENCE.

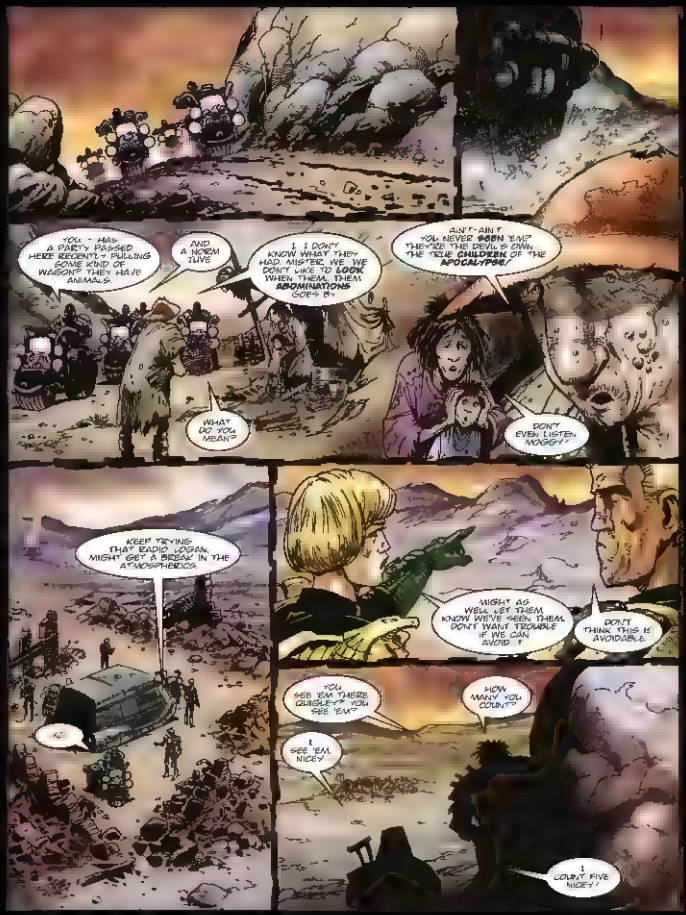
SOME DULT GIVVME FIFTY CREDS TO GIVE YA THIS!
-WHAT-?
DOWN! EVERYBODY DOWN!
HUH-?
HASN'T GONE OFF
GET BACK, KID!
FRONT DESK! WE HAVE A SUSPECTED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE!
THE INNER CONTAINER WAS REFRIGERATED. I HELD A SECTION OF HUMAN TISSUE. ITS DNA WAS IDENTICAL TO YOURS.
THIS SAME WITH I
YOU DON'T SEEM SURPRISED.
Fargo
Price for remainder and billion credits used currency owns.
Funds leave Mega-City/one tomorrow A.M. route specified below. Further instructions will be given en route.
Sutch escort
ONLY. NO heavy armament. NO tricks.
LET'S SAY I HAD A SUSPICION FARGO MIGHT BE INVOLVED
SO GANT PASSED THE BOX TO THE JUVE FOR DELIVERY * AND YOU THINK IT'S MY CLONE-FATHER?
IT'S HIGHLY PROBABLE
* THAT'S WHAT WE'RE IN THIS

THE AGE AND LEVEL OF ABSORBED CONTAMINANTS INDICATE A MAN WHO LIVED THROUGH MOST OF THE LAST CENTURY - AND THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO FAKE.
AND THERE'S ONE OTHER THING YOU SHOULD KNOW
THE TISSUE WAS FRESH DREDD - TAKEN FROM A LIVING ORGANISM.
JUDGE FARGO - IF INDEED IT IS FARGO - MAY STILL BE ALIVE!

THEY PRESS ON THROUGH THAT DESOLATE WASTELAND LITTERED WITH THE REMNANTS OF A LIFE THAT ONCE HAD BEEN.
RUSTING CRUMBLING MEMORIALS TO THE LAND THEY CALLED AMERICA.
HERE AND THERE SETTLEMENTS HAVE GROWN UP AMONG THE RUINS
THE CHILDREEN OF THE APOCALYPSE MADE WORN AND TWISTED AND BITTER BY THE HARSHNESS OF THE CURSED EARTH.
THEY GAVE THEM WIDE BERTH.
RIDE ON.

THIS TORTURED LAND
NOT FARGO'S LEGAL EAGLE MAN: THOUGHT BUT DEMOCRACY - A PRODUCT OF THE CORRUPTION THE JUDGES HAD BEEN FORMED TO FIGHT
IN THAT RESPECT AT LEAST THEY HAD FAILED TOO LATE, TOO LATE TO PREVENT DISASTER
WHEN DO YOU RECKON THEY'LL MAKE CONTACT?
NOT TODAY. NOT FOR A WHILE. THEY WANT US WELL AWAY FROM THE CITY.
SOMETHING BURNING UP AHEAD
LOOKS LIKE A RADWAGON
MUTANT ONE OF THE ATTACKERS. THAT'S HOME-MADE ARMOUR.
WOMAN'S DEAD. SHOT UP LIKE A PRACTICE DROID.
THE BUG. THE BABY. TH' THEY GOT THE BOY!

GUH. GOT SEPARATED FROM... FROM THE TREK. BIG DAMN MISTAKE
GAVE HIM. DON'T LET THEM...HAVE MY...LITTLE BOY
SO MUCH FOR THEIR NEW LIFE
YOU GOTTA ASK THE CITY WAS THIS BAD?
TRACKS EVERYWHERE. THESE ONES LOOK THE FRESHEST. HEADING INTO THE HILLS
NOT OUR BUSINESS, RENGA. WE'VE GOT OUR INSTRUCTIONS.
DREDD TO JUSTICE WATCH. COME IN, ARE YOU READING ME?
NOTHING. TOO MUCH INTERFERENCE.
SO IT'S JUST US. WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING. WE CAN'T LEAVE THAT BABY TO THE MUTIES!
I AGREE. I MEAN, WHAT'S SOME DEAD OLD BONES TO A LIVE'S LIFE?
GOT TO SAY, DREDD. FATHER OF JUSTICE, SURE. BUT HE'S STILL OLD BONES. THAT LITTLE BOY COULD STILL BE ALIVE
ALL RIGHT, CURZON, SANCHEZ, RENGA. YOU COME WITH ME. WATERS, YOU'RE IN CHARGE HERE.
FIND SOME DEFENSIBLE GROUND. WHOEVER DID THIS MAY BE BACK.
CHECK.


YOU - HAS A PARTY PASSED HERE RECENT - PULLING SOME KIND OF WAGON? THEY HAVE ANIMALS
AND A NORM JIVE
I - I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY HAD, MISTER. WE - WE DON'T LIKE TO LOOK WHEN THEM, THEM ABOMINATIONS COME BY.
AIN'T-AIN'T YOU NEVER SEEN 'EM? THEY'RE THE DEVIL'S OWN, THE TRUE CHILDREN OF THE APOCALYPSE!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
DON'T EVEN LISTEN, MOGGY!
KEEP TRYING THAT RADIO, LOGAN. MIGHT GET A BREAK IN THE ATMOSPHERICS.
HI
MIGHT AS WELL LET THEM KNOW WE'VE SEEN THEM. DON'T WANT TROUBLE IF WE CAN AVOID IT.
DON'T THINK THIS IS AVOIDABLE.
YOU SEE 'EM THERE, GIGGLES? YOU SEE 'EM?
I SEE 'EM, NICEY.
HOW MANY YOU COUNT?
I COUNT FIVE NICEY.

AH WHADDYA RECKON THEY'VE GOT IN THAT THERE TRUCK?
SOMETHIN' REAL GOOD I BET
NEL, HOW ABOUT WE RIDE DOWN THERE SLAUGHTER THEIR ASSES AN' FIND OUT? HOW DOES THAT SOUND FOR A PLAN?
WORKS FOR ME NICEY

NORMS COMIN.
THEY'RE BAD 'ECURBLE.
GET HOME AN' WARN 'EM, BILL!
GO BOY!
THEY LOOK LIKE THE DEVIL HISSELF!
WATCH IT
YEAK!
AAAAH!
THUMP
JUST A KID. THAT'S CAUSE A MUTATION.
THING LIKE THAT OUGHT TO HAVE BEEN PUT DOWN AT BIRTH.
THAT'S ENOUGH, CURZON. GET HIM UP.

SOON, M' DEAR. PUSH AGAIN.
PUSH!
PUSH BE BRAVE NORIMA. YOU CAN DO IT!
BOY, RUN AND TELL THE WISEHEADS - THE TIME OF THE BIRTHING IS ON US!
YEZZUM.
THE BIRTHING!
WE'VE BEEN WAITING SO LONG FOR THIS MOMENT!
HUSH, CHILD. HUSH, SO WE MAY HEAR THE CRY OF THE NEWBORN - THE NEXT GENERATION.
THE NORIMS ARE COMING!
FOUR OF 'EM, RIDING UP THE TRAIL!
WOE. WHAT NEW CURSE IS THIS UPON US?

SPREAD OUT. NO KILLING IF WE CAN AVOID IT
ECOFUG! THEY HAVE ECOFUG!
BLAM BLAM
EASE OFF THERE, PARTNER
WE'RE HERE TO FIND THE ONES WHO DESTROYED THE RADNAGON — AND TO RECLAIM THE BABE IN-SEMO YOU STOLE!
PUT DOWN YOUR WEAPONS! YOU CAN'T FIGHT US!
STOLE? NOT TRUE! WE TOOK THE CHILD FOR HIS PROTECTION!
SEE HOW YOU HAVE UPSET HIM WITH YOUR GUNS AND NOISE. HUSH, LITTLE ONE
HE WILL BE RAISED AS ONE OF US AS IS OUR WAY
AS FOR THE REST — I WAS NONE OF OUR DOING
THESE PEOPLE COULD NEVER HAVE TOTALLED THE RADNAGON. THEY'RE PRACTICALLY STONE AGE
SO WHO DID HIT THE RADNAGON?

SURE ARE A LOT OF THEM. DON'T LIKE THE LOOK OF THIS AT ALL
ANY WORD WITH DREDD LOGAN?
NEGATIVE. JUST STATIC
THEY MEAN BUSINESS? COMIN. USE THE HOVER JETS. BURY THE TRUCK
DAMN. CARGO MAKES US A TARGET FOR EVERY RENEGADE BAND
VRRRRRRRRRRRRRR
YOU WORRIED ABOUT THAT SCRAPYARD ARMY?
YOU'VE BEEN TOO LONG IN MED-DIV VENUES. YOU SEE WORSE EVERY DAY AT THE ZUVIS CLUB.
YEAH?
YOU'RE GOING TO THE WEIRDS. ZUVIS CLUBS WATERS

ONE MORE PUSH, BEAZIE!
MORE THAN A FEW NORMS HERE LOOKS LIKE THEY MAKE A HABIT OF BABY-SNATCHING
WHERE DID YOU COME FROM, KID? YOU'RE NO MUTIE
GET YOUR HANDS OFF HIM!
HOLSTER IT, CURZON
WE WOULD HAVE BEEN DEAD IF THEY HADN'T FOUND US AND CARED FOR US. WE LOVE THESE PEOPLE
TELL HIM, JIMMY
THEY'VE SHOWN US NOTHING BUT KINDNESS. THEY'RE GOOD PEOPLE AND I'LL FIGHT BEFORE I LET YOU TAKE US AWAY!
YOU CAN FIGHT, BOY, BUT IT WON'T CHANGE THINGS. I CAN'T LEAVE YOU HERE.
THEN TRY TO TAKE ME. COME ON. I'M NOT AFRAID OF YOU.
THE WISEHEADS ARE COMING

NOW THAT'S A MUTATION!
JIMMY! PUT DOWN THAT SPEAR!
WE ARE THE ELDERS. WE WILL SPEAK FOR THE VILLAGE!
BUT...
AND NO BUTS, YOUNG MAN!
AFTER THE WAR, I WAS ONE OF THE FIRST TO BE BORN.
WE WERE
ALRIGHT WE WERE
I WOULDN'T HAVE LIKED TO BE THAT MOTHER.
PAINFUL

THERE WERE A FEW LIKE US. ABOMINATIONS. ONLY WE HAVE SURVIVED. BUT THE POISON HAS RUN DOWN THROUGH US INTO OUR CHILDREN.
AND THEIR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN.
NONE ARE FREE OF THE CURSE. THE CHILDREN OF THE APOCALYPSE.
YES. WE HAVE RESCUED BABIES AND YOUNG WOMEN AND BROUGHT THEM UP AS OUR OWN.
THEY ARE OUR FUTURE. THEY WILL BE THE NEW GENERATION. CLEAN OF THE POISON THAT INFECTS OUR BODIES.
IT'S OUR DUTY. THE ONE WAY WE CAN REPAY THEM.
THAT IS WHY WE CANNOT LET YOU TAKE THEM. THEY ARE OUR ONLY HOPE.
EVEN NOW THE FIERY OF OUR NEW CHILDREN GIVES BIRTH.
I'M SORRY FOR YOUR PLIGHT BUT THAT DOESN'T ALTER THE FACTS. THEY CAN'T STAY HERE.
THEN WE MUST FIGHT AND DIE IF NEED BE. FOR WHAT IS LIFE IF OUR PEOPLE REMAIN LIKE THIS?
STOP!
THERE IS NOTHING TO FIGHT FOR. ALL IS LOST.
MY BABY! LOOK AT MY BABY!

HEY! YOU JUDGE! WHADDA YOU GOT IN THAT THERE HOVER-BUGGY!?
NOTHING OF INTEREST TO YOU! BUT I'LL MAKE YOU A PROMISE
YOU AND YOUR SCRAPYARD ARMY TRY FINDING OUT AND I GUARANTEE YOU'LL BE CRAWLING THROUGH YOUR OWN BLOOD!
OOOOHHH, TOUGH GUY.
WE AIN'T GONNA TAKE THAT SIZE WE NICE?
NO BOYS. I LIKE TO DO THINGS NICE BUT IF FOLKS WON'T DO THE DECENT THING AN GIVE US ALL THEY GOT THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TA TREAT 'EM.
BLOW YOUR WAR HORN, GUIGLEY!
HERE THEY COME. CHOOSE YOUR TARGETS!

MEANWHILE HIGH IN THE HILLS
TWO HEADS. THE BABY BEARS THE CURSE.
WE HOPED I WOULD BE FREE OF THIS BLIGHT - THE CHILD OF INCOMERS, WHOSE BODIES HAD NOT BEEN POISONED LIKE OURS.
AN OUR HOPES GONE FOR NOTHING
WHAT IS THERE TO LIVE FOR NOW?
SO, ANALYSIS SHOWS LEVELS OF FIFTEEN DANGEROUS CONTAMINANTS WAY OVER THE LIMIT. M TALKING LIKE A THOUSAND TIMES OVER
I DON'T KNOW WHAT WENT DOWN HERE DURING THE WAR, BUT T SURE DOESN'T MAKE FOR A HEALTHY FESTYLE
THEN THERE'S THE REASON FOR THE CURSE ON THEIR PEOPLE.
THE POISON I SENT IN YOUR GENES - IT'S HERE IN THE EARTH ALL AROUND YOU. IF YOU WANT THE CURE YOU HAVE TO MOVE AWAY
BUT THIS IS OUR HOME - IT IS IN OUR HEARTS HOW COULD WE LEAVE IT?
YOU MAY LOVE THIS LAND BUT THE LAND DOESN'T LOVE YOU. YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE THE WISE ONES YOU MUST SEE THERE'S ONLY ONE SOLUTION.
WE MUST BE CLEAR OF THE DEAD ZONE, I HAVE CONTACT WITH JUSTICE WATCH.
WE CAN HAVE YOU MOVED TO WHERE THE LAND IS CLEAN. WE CAN HELP YOU START A NEW LIFE. BUT THOSE YOU HAVE RESCUED MUST BE RETURNED TO MEGA-CITY ONE.
NO. I'M STAYING WITH THEM.
WHEN YOU'RE OLD ENOUGH TO MAKE THAT DECISION, YOU'LL BE FREE TO DO AS YOU LIKE
THAT'S THE DEAL. MAKE YOUR CHOICE. USE THOSE WISE HEADS WELL. DECIDE WRONG AND THERE IS NO FUTURE FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE APOCALYPSE

FOR A MOMENT THERE THOUGHT THEY WERE GOING TO BE DUMB ENOUGH TO SAY NO. THAT IS NO KIND OF LIFE
THIS HOVERSHIP'S ONLY GOING TO DUMP THEM SOMEWHERE ELSE IN THE CURSED EARTH. NOT GOING TO BE ANY PICNIC
BETTER MAN WHAT THE HAVE.
AND SO, THE EVILS OF THE WAR CARRY ON DOWN THE GENERATIONS. I EVER WE NEEDED AN EXAMPLE OF MAN'S GENIUS FOR HARMING HIS FELLOW MAN, THEY'RE IT
PICKING UP GUNFIRE. SOUNDS LIKE HEAVY ARTILLERY.
THE ESCORT. DAMN! I HAD A BAD FEELING
LET'S MOVE!
LOGAN, IT'S DREDD AGAIN!
GIMME A BREAK, WATERS SOON AS I GET A MINUTE!
DON'T SAY OLD NICK'S DIDN'T GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO CO-OPERATE!

THEY GOT VENABLES!
WE'RE GETTING SWAMPED
THEN WE GO DOWN FIGHTING!
VERROOOOM
TAKE AIM! FIRE!
REINFORCEMENTS! GET 'EM!
MAKE EVERY SHOT COUNT!

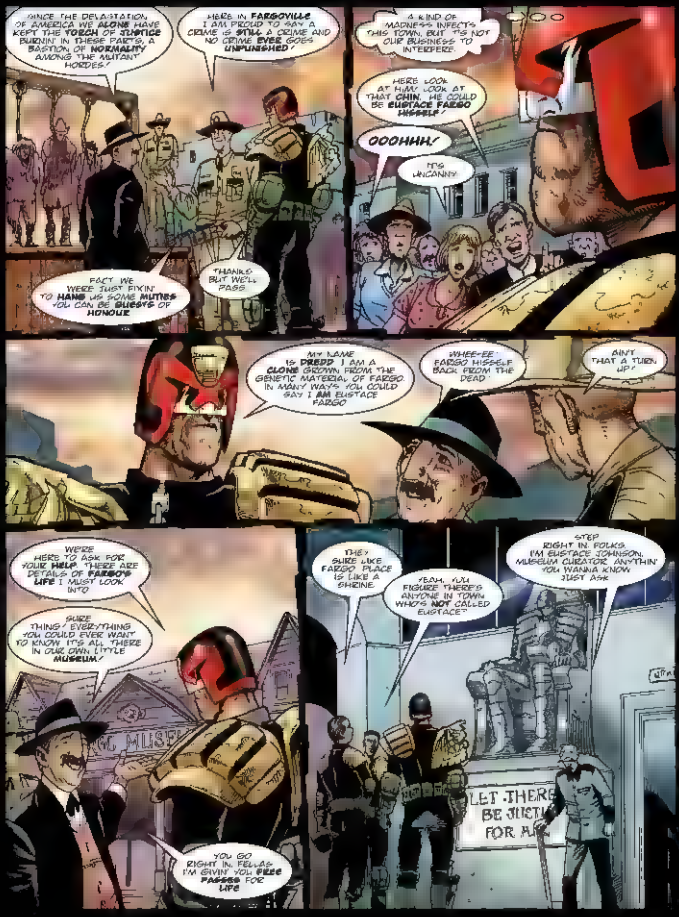
HE WAS ANGRY. ANGRY WITH HIMSELF. HE HAD ALLOWED THEM TO BE SIDETRACKED AND NOW THEIR MISSION WAS IN DANGER OF FAILING BEFORE THEY HAD BEGUN.
IT WAS CLEAR DERELICTION OF DUTY AND SOMEBODY WAS GOING TO PAY
THEY'RE LIKE FIGHTIN' DEMONS!
KATTER BOTS
LET'S GET AFTER THEM
NEGATIVE, CURZON. NO MORE WILD GOOSE CHASES!

I'M SORRY, VENABLES. REAL SORRY.
LOGAN, TAKE CURZON AND CHECK THE ENEMY WOUNDED. EXECUTE ANY YOU FIND ALIVE
YO
CAN YOU DO WHAT YOU'VE GOT TO DO WITHOUT VENABLES COMIN'?
YES, SIR. MIGHT NEED SOME HELP BUT NO PROBS.
GOOD
HOVERSHIP COMING
HMM...HELP ME
YOU BET ALL THE WAY TO HELL
WE WERE ON OUR WAY TO MUTTIE MOUNTAIN. WONDERED IF YOU NEEDED ASSISTANCE
NEGATIVE. WE'RE ALL DONE HERE
TAKE VENABLES' BODY AND GO. WRONG PERSON SEES YOU, IT COULD JEOPARDIZE THE MISSION.
BLOW THE POSTER FREE AND LET'S GET READY TO RIDE. WE'VE LOST ENOUGH TIME.
ONE GONE. HOW MANY MORE BEFORE WE FIND FARGO. IF IT IS FARGO? IF THIS ISN'T THAT ANOTHER WILD GOOSE CHASE?

TRADING POST
YOU HAVE A MESSAGE FOR ME?
MEGA-CITY JUDGE MUH? RECKON I MIGHT
THEY SAID YOU'D GIVE ME FIFTY CREDS
WHO'S THEY?
COUPLE OF GUYS DROPPED IN ON A HOVERSKIMMER THREE DAYS AGO. FACES ALL WRAPPED UP LIKE THEY DIDN'T WANT TO BE RECOGNIZED
HMMPH.
ROUTE MAP. GEEPS AREN'T READY TO MAKE CONTACT YET
KEEP RUNNING WE'LL BE WATCHING
LATER THAT NIGHT
HAVE TO MAKE A LITTLE DETOUR WATCH. I'LL TAKE LOGAN AND COHN WITH ME.
IN THE MORNING MOVE ON. WAIT FOR US HERE AT THE RIVER CROSSING
YOU THINK IT'S WISE SPLITTING UP AGAIN?
FATHER AVOID T BUT THERE'S SOMETHING I NEED TO CHECK. SIR
SIGNALS ARE COMING THROUGH AGAIN. STAY IN CONTACT WITH AERIAL UNITS. ANY TROUBLE, CALL THEM IN.
NO CHANCE OF A LITTLE SLEEP HERE I'M PRETTY BUSHED
"SLEEP IN THE SADDLE COHN. TIME'S PRESSING."

MORNING
RIDERS COMIN' BOSS!
I SAY YOU COULD TALK BOY!
SOME O' THESE BOYS STILL GOTTA LEARN THE RULES. TAKE HIM TO THE HOTBOX
NO NOT THAT. I'M SORRY I WON'T TALK AGAIN!
YOU'RE TALKIN' NOW BOY!
DAMNED IF THEY DON'T LOOK LIKE BIG CITY JUDGES. BETTER GO WARN THE TOWN.
YEEHAW
FARGOVILLE
BIRTHPLACE OF JUDGE EUSTACE FARGO
FARGO'S BIRTHPLACE?
FUNNY. NEVER THOUGHT OF HIM BEING BORN - LIKE NATURAL I MEAN.

NO GUNS IN FARGOVILLE
NO LUDE OR RIOTOU
NO SPITTING SWEARING NAME-CALLING
NO EWEING UP OUR GUNMEN
LOOKS LIKE THEY CAUGHT THE LAW BUG REAL BAD
KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN AND YOUR WEAPONS READY. NO TELLING WHAT KIND OF RECEPTION WE'RE GOING TO GET.
PAPUM PAPUM
PUM PUMPUM
WELCOME, WELCOME, FRIENDS!
I'M MAYOR EUSTACE BLUNT. THIS HERE'S SHERIFF EUSTACE GARVIE
NO, I SAY, WHAT A TRUE PLEASURE Y'ALL TO RECEIVE THE DISCIPLES OF EUSTACE FARGO BACK IN HIS BIRTHPLACE THE TRUE CRADLE OF LAW & THIS MODERN AGE
DIDN'T EXPECT A MARCHING BAND STILL SURE BEATS A GUNFIGHT


SINCE THE DEVASTATION OF AMERICA WE ALONE HAVE KEPT THE TORCH OF JUSTICE BURNIN IN THESE PARTS, A BASTION OF NORMALITY AMONG THE MUTANT HORDES!
HERE IN FARGOVILLE I AM PROUD TO SAY A CRIME IS STILL A CRIME AND NO CRIME EVER GOES UNPUNISHED!
FACT WE WERE JUST FIXIN TO HANG US SOME MUTTIES YOU CAN BE GUESTS OF HONOUR
THANKS BUT WE'LL PASS
A KIND OF MADNESS INFECTS THIS TOWN, BUT 'TIS NOT OUR BUSINESS TO INTERFERE
HERE LOOK AT HIM! LOOK AT THAT CHIN. HE COULD BE EUSTACE FARGO HIMSELF!
OOOHHH!
ITS UNCANNY
MY NAME IS DREDD I AM A CLONE GROWN FROM THE GENETIC MATERIAL OF FARGO. IN MANY WAYS YOU COULD SAY I AM EUSTACE FARGO
WHEE-EE FARGO MISSELF BACK FROM THE DEAD
AIN'T THAT A TURN UP!
WE'RE HERE TO ASK FOR YOUR HELP. THERE ARE DETAILS OF FARGO'S LIFE I MUST LOOK INTO
SURE THING! EVERYTHING YOU COULD EVER WANT TO KNOW IT'S ALL THERE IN OUR OWN LITTLE MUSEUM!
MUSEUM
YOU GO RIGHT IN, FELLAS I'M GIVIN YOU FREE PASSES FOR LIFE
THEY SURE LIKE FARGO PLACE IS LIKE A SHRINE.
FROM, KIN FIGURE THERE'S ANYONE IN TOWN WHO'S NOT CALLED EUSTACE?
STEP RIGHT IN, FOLKS I'M EUSTACE JOHNSON, MUSEUM CURATOR ANYTHIN YOU WANNA KNOW JUST ASK
LET THERE BE JUSTI
FOR AL

OH, I'D A WHOLE SELECTION OF HIS PICKS RIGHT FROM WHEN HE WAS A LITTLE BITTY K'DDIE
MAN, A LAWRANGER THAT WAS THE PROTOTYPE FOR THE LAWMASTER. LOOK AT THE ARMAMENT - RIGHT OUT OF THE DARK AGES.
THEY WERE PRONE TO JAMMING HELD BOY BOUNDS BLUNTNOSE ETC.
YOU SURE KNOW YOUR STUFF, YOUNG MAN.
AH'S HERE WAS HIS FIRST BB GUN, GIVEN TO LITTLE EUSTACE FOR HIS FIFTH BIRTHDAY BY THE TIME HE WAS SIX HE WAS A DEAD SHOT, USED TO ROAM THE COUNTRYSIDE SHOOTIN PRACTICALLY ANYTHIN THAT MOVED
AND HERE WE HAVE HIS MAMMA AN' PAPPY NATHAN AN' MARY NATHAN WAS CIRCUIT JUDGE RIDIN THESE PARTS AN' HE INSTILLED IN THE BOY A LOVE OF JUSTICE AN' FAIR PLAY
MARY WAS A KINDLY WOMAN, BUT STRICT. NOT EXACTLY CHURCHY IF YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN, BUT SHE WOULDN'T PUT UP WITH NO NONSENSE FROM THE BOY.
NEVER SAW A PICTURE OF THEM BEFORE. TOO MUCH OF THE ARCHIVE WAS DESTROYED IN THE WAR.
HIS PARENTS. MY PARENTS. APART FROM JUDGE THE NEAREST THING I HAVE TO A FAMILY.
SIT DOWN, SIT DOWN, FOLKS. WE GOT A WHOLE FILM SHOW HERE. YOU MIGHT AS WELL SEE THINGS RIGHT FROM THE BEGINNING.
JUST MAKE YOURSELVES COMFORTABLE AN' I'LL GO GET HER STARTED.
THE YEAR: A.M.M. AT 22:45 ON THE NIGHT OF JANUARY 4 AT 15 MAIL STREET IN THE TOWN OF TAXVILLE A HAPPY EVENT IS TAKING PLACE.
TAXVILLE?
THEY CHANGED THE NAME TO FARROVILLE AFTER HIS DEATH. I KNOW THAT MUCH.

IT'S A BOY!
FOR MUCH OF THIS EARLY FILM WE OWE OUR THANKS TO MARY'S SISTER JOSEPHINE WHO HAD BEEN GIVEN A BRAND NEW VIDEO CAMERA FOR CHRISTMAS.
ISN'T HE BEAUTIFUL?
HE'S GOT OUR CHIN.
HMMPH.
SOMETHING WRONG?
JAKE WAITS.
SHAME ON YOU, EUSTACE BLUNT! SHAME ON YOU, EUSTACE GARVIE!
WHY MISS EUSTACE WHAT'S THE MATTER?
I'LL TELL YOU WHAT'S THE MATTER YOU CALL YOURSELVES THE GUARDIANS OF LAW AND ORDER WHEN YOU'RE HELPIN' A THIEF
HUH.
HIM IN THERE? NOT JUST A THIEF. THE WORST KIND OF THIEF
WHATEVER DO YOU MEAN, MISS EUSTACE?
HE'S COMMITTED THE MOST UNNATURAL CRIME OF ALL. HE'S STOLEN THE BODY AND SOUL OF OUR GREATEST EVER CITIZEN
HE'S STOLEN THE VERY FLESH OF EUSTACE FARGO

We're down to the last play in the state schools Bridgeton Final and it looks like the dream is over for Jaxville!
51-26 down and even with their phenomenal quarterback Bustace Fargo I see no way back for the Hicks from the sticks
And there's the hike
A bullet pass from Fargo finds Stukely! He's cutting cross-field! But he's got three marauders closing in!
It's a lateral! And it's Fargo! Fargo himself coming through!
He hands off one - two! He's heading for the line! I do not believe what I am seeing!
Come on Fargo!
Go go!
Should've got you two some popcorn
This is incredible! Bustace Fargo has won the game for Jaxville!
They're lifting him aloft! The crowd is going wild!
Fargo! Fargo! Fargo!
I've never seen a play like that before! Only seventeen years old but this boy could have a huge future in the professional game!

THOUGH MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR CONTRACTS WERE THROWN AT THE BOY YOUNG EUSTACE'S FUTURE LAY ELSEWHERE - IN THE LAW. IN 2009 AT THE TENDER AGE OF TWENTY HIS PROUD PARENTS TRAVELED TO HARVARD TO WITNESS THEIR ONLY SON'S GRADUATION.
MAN - THOUGHT ME WOULD FOLLOW HIS FATHER INTO HIS TAXVILLE LAW PRACTICE BUT YOUNG EUSTACE HAD LONG AGO DECIDED THERE WAS ONLY ONE PLACE TO EXERCISE HIS BURGEONING TALENTS - WASHINGTON.
IN A NATION INCREASINGLY OVERWHELMED BY LAWLESSNESS WHERE TRULY GOOD MEN WERE FEW AND FAR BETWEEN, FARGO'S SPECIAL TALENTS SOON ELEVATED HIM TO THE VERY HEART OF GOVERNMENT.
IN 2037 PRESIDENT THOMAS GURNEY - REACTING AGAINST THE TIDE OF CIVIL UNREST AND GANG WARFARE THAT HAD TURNED MAJOR CITIES INTO BATTLEGROUNDS APPOINTED FARGO GOVERNMENT SPECIAL PROSECUTOR FOR STREET CRIME.
OUR POLICE ARE DEMORALISED! OUR COURTS ARE A LAUGHING STOCK! OUR STREETS HAVE BECOME NO-GO AREAS!
I AM REMINDED OF THE WORDS... ALL THAT IS REQUIRED FOR EVIL TO PREVAIL IS FOR GOOD MEN TO DO NOTHING.
I PROMISE YOU, I WILL NOT REST UNTIL I HAVE RECLAIMED THIS NATION FOR THE PEOPLE!
SHORTLY AFTER FARGO'S APPOINTMENT, ARMED GANGS LED BY NOTORIOUS STREET POSSE STORMED THE WHITE HOUSE. THEIR PRESIDENT SURVIVES LIFE WAS ONLY SAVED BY A DARING RESCUE FROM THE WHITE HOUSE ROOF!
UNDER FARGO'S DIRECTION, HUNDREDS OF ARRESTS WERE MADE - BUT THROUGH INTIMIDATION AND OUTRIGHT MURDER OF THE JURORS, NOT ONE CONVICTION WAS UPHELD. THE PERPETRATORS WALKED FREE.

THIS OUTRAGE WAS THE FINAL STRAW WITH THE PRESIDENT'S BLESSING FARGO OUTLINED HIS "NEW DEAL" TO CONGRESS
THE LAW HAS FAILED! WHY? TRIALS TAKE YEARS TO REACH THE COURTS - AND WHEN THEY DO IS THERE A JURY IN THIS LAND THAT DARES TO CONVICT"
OUR PROUD NATION IS BEING DESTROYED BY THE VERY PRINCIPLES WE ONCE HELD SO DEAR!
IF OUR JURIES ARE TOO FRIGHTENED TO ACT - IF OUR COURTS ARE POWERLESS WE MUST FIND ANOTHER WAY
IT IS TIME TO TAKE THE JUDGES OUT OF THE COURTS AND PUT THEM ONTO THE STREETS WE MUST CHOOSE GOOD MEN AND WOMEN, TRAINED TO ADMINISTER RETRIBUTION FAIRLY - AND WITHOUT DELAY
WE MUST ARM THEM WITH THE POWER TO DISPENSE INSTANT JUSTICE"
ABANDON DUE PROCESS?! NEVER!
THE PEOPLE DID NOT AGREE IN THE ELECTION OF BOBBY PRESIDENT GURNEY WAS RETURNED WITH A MASSIVE MAJORITY AND THOSE SENATORS WHO OPPOSED HIM SWEPT FROM OFFICE
SOME KIND OF COMMOTION OUTSIDE, SEE WHAT'S GOING ON, CORA!
YES SIR
IT'S UNCONSTITUTIONAL!
WE WON'T ALLOW IT FARGO
IT'S A STEP TOO FAR
IT WAS TO TAKE MORE THAN TWO YEARS BEFORE THE LAST PROTECTIONS ENSHRINED IN THE CONSTITUTION COULD BE SCRAPPED TO BE REPLACED BY A STRINGENT NEW JUDICIAL CODE
MEANWHILE FARGO PURSUED HIS TASK TIRELESSLY - SETTING UP CENTERS ACROSS THE NATION TO RAPIDLY TRAIN THE NEW BREED OF JUDGES.
IN TIME ACADEMIES WOULD BE ESTABLISHED WHERE ENTRANTS SELECTED AT THE AGE OF FIVE, WOULD SPEND MANY GRUELLING YEARS LEARNING TO EXERCISE THEIR AWESOME POWERS
SURE, S INTERESTING SEEING ALL THIS OLD ARCHIVE FOOTAGE
YES, INTERESTING ALL RIGHT

BY APRIL 2031 THE NEW SYSTEM WAS READY TO ROLL. FARGO, APPOINTED FIRST CHIEF JUDGE, LED HIS NEW JUDICIAL FORCE ONTO THE STREETS -
LET JUSTICE BE DONE!
FOR THE GANGS THAT PREYED ON THE VAST CONURBATION THAT NOW STRETCHED FROM WASHINGTON TO NEW YORK - WHICH WOULD BECOME THE FIRST MEGA-CITY - IT WAS THE BEGINNING OF THE END
THE SENTENCE IS DEATH!
THAT'S ENOUGH SWITCH IT OFF!
BUT DON'T YOU WANT TO SEE THE REST?

I KNOW THE BEST WAY TO GET WHAT I WANT NOW IS THE TRUTH.
THE TRUTH?
WHY HAVE THEY REWRITTEN HISTORY?
EUSTACE. WHY NO ONE? CHILD. HE HAD A TWIN BROTHER. EPHRAM. AN IDENTICAL TWIN. WHY IS THERE NOTHING IN THAT FILM ABOUT HIM?
THAT'S NOT TRUE
YOU'RE LYING. I'VE SEEN. MAN. THAT FILM'S BEEN DOCTORED TO REMOVE HIM. WHY?
I . . . CAN'T SAY. WE-WE DON'T TALK ABOUT HIM HERE. IT'S A CRIME TO MENTION HIS NAME
WELL I'M GIVING YOU SPECIAL DISPENSATION. WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM? WHERE'S EPHRAM?
HE'S D-DEAD. LONG DEAD. HE WENT BAD. WE KICKED HIM OUT A TOWN. H-HE WENT AWAY TO LIVE IN THE BACKWOODS WITH HIS ROTTEN BROOD
WHERE?
PLEASE DON'T MAKE ME SAY. SO MORE. THEY'LL ACCEPT ME. I'LL GET MUNCH. I NEVER SHOULDA TOLD YOU THIS MUCH
SO. FIND OUT. GET OUT OF HERE
FARGO HAD AN IDENTICAL TWIN? THEN, THE TISSUE SAMPLE THEY SENT COULD HAVE BELONGED TO THE TWIN. THEY'D BE INDISTINGUISHABLE
AND THE CONTAMINANT PROFILE WOULD HAVE BEEN SIMILAR. COULD BE WE'RE ON A WILD GOOSE CHASE. LOGAN. COULD BE THE BODY THEY'VE GOT BELONGS TO EPHRAM FARGO

HOLD IT RIGHT THERE BOYS! RAISE 'EM OR DIE!
COHN...
LOGAN NO!
UNNHH!
BLAM! BLAM!
DAMN IT LOGAN!
TAKE HIM DOWN!
HOLD HIM!
WE'RE ARRESTIN' YOU, DEEDD FOR BEIN IN ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF THE SACRED BLOOD AN' FLESH OF JUSTACE FAEBO! THESE OTHER TWO ARE YOUR ACCOMPLICES IN CRIME!
WE GONNA HANG 'EM SHERIFF? HUH? HUH?
REUKON, WE ARE JUSTACE BOY, BUT FIRST THIS ONE'S GONNA PAY FOR HIS AFFRONT TO THE MEMORY OF OUR GREATEST EVER CITIZEN!
LOCK HIS BUDDIES HERE UP. TAKE HIM TO THE CONVICTOR! GIVE HIM A TASTE OF WHAT HAPPENS TO FOLKS WHO BREAK THE LAW IN FAEBOVILLE!

CRAAAK
SHERIFF THINKS THE HANGMAN'S NOOSE GONNA GET YOU, HE DIDN'T KNOW OL' EASTACE STARK. GONNA WORK YOU TILL YOU DIE!
AH SPEAK WHEN YOU'RE SPOKEN TO!
CRAAAAK
HEY BOSS! HOW COME THAT STINKIN' JUDGE GETS TA WEAR A HAT AN' WE DON'T?
THINK WE WANNA LOOK AT T' BOY THE FACE HE STOLE FROM OUR GREATEST EVER CITIZENS?
OH, YOUR FEET BODYSNATCHER NOBODY SAID YOU COULD HAVE NO BREAK!
GOT TO PLAY ALONG TRY TO LAST OUT TIL NIGHTFALL...
YES BOSS! I'M WORKING BOSS

WE'RE IN A HELLUVA SPOT, LOGAN. WHY DID DREDD BRING US HERE?
TO FIND OUT ABOUT EPHRAIM. HE'S FARGO'S IDENTICAL TWIN.
IT COULD BE HIS BODY THEY'RE HOLDING NOT ELIGHTLESS. WHOLE THING COULD BE A BIG CON.
TWIN. HUH? LOT OF DIFFERENCE IT MAKES TO US NOW. THEY'RE GOING TO HANG US.
DON'T WORRY, DREDDY. GET US OUT OF THIS.
YEAH? THEY'VE GOT HIM ON A CHAIN GANG. REMEMBER?
YOU DON'T KNOW HIM LIKE I DO. HELL, GET US OUT!
NIGHT. HELL, AND THE PRISONERS WERE MARCHED BACK TO THE JAIL. EXCEPT ONE.
KEEP WORKIN', BOY! JUST 'CUS BOSS STARK AIN'T HERE DON'T MEAN WE START GOIN' SLOW.
AIN'T A CHANCE! HE CAN'T TAKE NO MORE.
NO. I'M DOWN ON THE JOB.
YES BOSS... I'M WORKIN', BOSS.
UNNH!

GUHH!
THUNK
BDAM!
BDAM!
UNHOOK THESE CHAINS!
YESS BOSS
THUNK
NO LAWGIVER OR UTILITY BELT HAVE TO MAKE DO WITH WHAT I'VE GOT

WHEE-OOO! WATCH OUT THERE MISS EUSTACE WE GOT US SOME REAL WHEELS NOW!
SOUND COOL
VRRRMMMMM
DANG! YOUNG EUSTACE, YOU STOP MONKEYIN' AROUND THERE OR I'LL PUT YOU ON THE CHAIN GANG!
YOU'LL HAVE TO CATCH ME FIRST!
SPARK!
LOGAN! COMIN' ROUND OFF!
HEEE! THIS WAY!

HELL
AHHHHHH
BADOOM
I TOLD YOU HE'D DO IT
TAKE THOSE WARDERS GUNS! YOU FIT TO FIGHT LOGAN.
DAMN RIGHT
I PATCHED HIM UP BEST I COULD BULLET WENT CLEAN THROUGH.
GOOD FROM HERE ON IT'S NO MERCY
BADOOM
AHHHH!
WHAT DO WE DO - RUN FOR IT?
THREE ON ONE BIKE DOESN'T GO DOWN - AND I'M DAMNED IF I'M LEAVING GOOD JUSTICE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT HERE!
IT'S A JAILBREAK!
SHOOT 'EM DOWN
TAKE COVER!
BADOOM
AHHHHHH!

THEM DAMN WARDENS OF YOURS FOULED UP BUT GOOD!
DON'T BLAME ME! IT'S YOUR FAULT YOU SHOULDA HANGED EM EIGHT DAYS AGO!
STOP ARGUIN'! SHOOT 'EM! SHOOT 'EM DOWN WITH THEIR OWN GUNS!
HE'S HELL ON WHEELS!
RATTA
TATTA
BLAM
GEDOWDAHERE
HUH?
B-BOOBY TRAPPED
DANG!
LOOK! LIKE ALL HELL'S BREAKIN' LOOSE IN TOWN!
WHO'RE THEM SONS O' SATAN UP TO?
MORE TO THE POINT BOYS, WHAT'RE WE WAITIN' FOR? LET'S GET US A PIECE OF IT!

MA-OW SHERIFF BOSS! WH-WHAT HAPPENED?
TH-THEM GUNS WAS BOOBY-TRAPPED
'TIL THAT WANGED FARGO CLONE HIT'S TROUBLE
MORE LIKE EPHEAM THAN EUSTACE
DROP YOUR GUN, BODY SNATCHER
RAISE 'EM OR THESE TWO DANGLE
DON'T WORRY ABOUT US DADDY! SAVE YOURSELF
WHAT AND MISS OUT ON EXECUTING THE REST OF THEM?
WHICH IS WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN IF MY MEN AREN'T DOWN OFF THAT SCAFFOLD IN FIVE FLAT!
BLAM!!
EASY AS SHOOTIN' THE HIND LEGS OFF A RABBIT
BLAM!!
AN A WHOLE LOT MORE FUN.

ZING!
ZING!
IT'S THE FAEBOG!
THE FAEBOGS! RUN FOR YOUR LIVES!
SEE 'EM OFF BOYS!

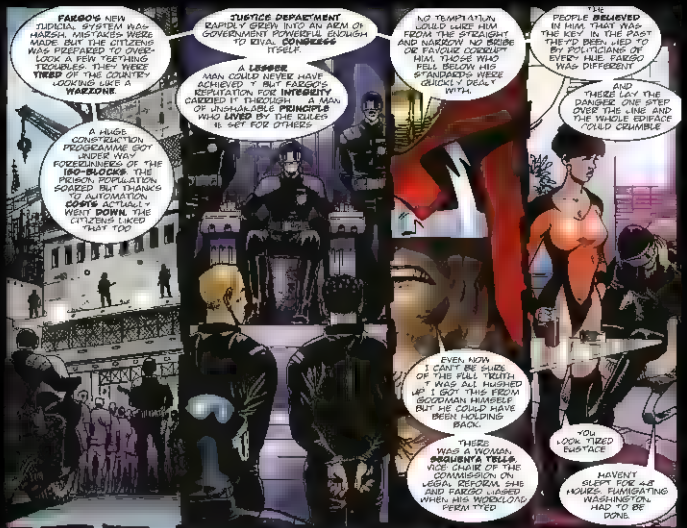
YOU JUMPED UP NORMS WE HEARD TELL YOU WAS FIXIN' TO HARM ONE OF OUR KINFOLK
WE WARNED YOU F WE EVER HAD TO COME BACK HERE WED PUT AN END TO YOUR SHENANIGANS ONCE AN' FOR ALL
BADOW
I- YOU WOULDN'T DARE!
YOU AIN'T EXEMPT SHERIFF
BADOW BADOW BADOW
DONT MIND THEM THEY HAD COMIN' A LONG TIME
THE NAME'S RANDY FABRO I'M LEADER OF THIS PACK OF RUFFIANS, AN' YOU'D BE -?
DREDD JOE DREDD
THE SPIT OF GREAT GRANDADDY EPHRAM
HOO- AT THAT CHIN, PAL AIN'T NO DOUBTIN' T HE'S BLOOD
CHINS HAVE LINDA SHOWN SINCE THE BIG BAD HIT THAT'S A FACT AN' NOTHIN WE CAN DO ABOUT IT BUT WERD STILL FAMILY
PLY IT THERE JOE
WHAT BRINGS YOU TO THIS NECK OF THE WOODS?
WE CAME TO CHECK UP ON EPHRAM, THERE ARE THINGS WE NEED TO KNOW
WELL YOU FOUND THE RIGHT PEOPLE. GET YOUR BOYS TOGETHER, YOU CAN RIDE ON BACK WITH US

AT MOUZ'S RIDE
THERE'S BIN GRANDADDY EPHRAM, ZOE. YOUR LOOKALIKE JUST A HUMBLE STONE OVER HIS GRAVE
HEAR TELL HIS TWIN BROTHER EUSTACE GOT HISSELF A BIG TOMB IN THE CITY AN' LOTS OF STATUES.
HE WAS A GREAT MAN, WE CALL HIM THE FATHER OF JUSTICE
IT'S GRANDAD GRANDAD'S BACK
WE GOT US SOME VISITORS THIS HERE'S ZOE AND HIS MEN. ZOE'S KIN FROM THE BIG CITY. EUSTACE'S CLONE
WHEE-EE NEVER HEARD THE LIKE
HELL HE COULD BE THEM EPHRAM AND EUSTACE
WELCOME TO FARGO COUNTY, ZOE
KILL A COUPLE OF FAT HANGS WE'RE GONNA PARTY
THEY MADE A MESS OF YOUR BACK. I'LL DOUBLE THE ANTIBIOTICS. THINGS CAN GO SEPTIC FAST OUT HERE.
FOLKS IN FARGOVILLE SURE LIKE DISHIN' T' OUT BEIN' THE BIRTHPLACE OF EUSTACE FARGO. WENT RIGHT TO THEIR HEADS I RECKON.
HOW YOU DOING LOGAN?
A LITTLE SORE. I'LL LIVE. NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT SENDING ME BACK.
SO, WHAT WENT WRONG BETWEEN EUSTACE AND EPHRAM? WHY DID FARGO-VILLE WIPE EPHRAM FROM THE RECORDS?
BTW, JUST SAY THEY WAS TWO DIFFERENT PEOPLE. PLANT THEM BEIN' IDENTICAL AN' ALL
WAY MY DADDY TOLD IT. EPHRAM JUST GOT SICK OF EUSTACE BEIN' SUCH A HOLIER-THAN-THOU STUFFED SHIRT. NO OFFENCE.
WHAT WITH HIS BROTHER ALWAYS TELLIN' HIM RIGHT AND WRONG, AN' HIS MA AN' PA HOLDIN' EUSTACE UP TO HIM LIKE SOME PLASTER SAINT NO WONDER EPHRAM WENT LOONEY.
HE GOT OUTA THERE SOON AS HE COULD. MADE HIS OWN LIFE WHERE HE DIDN'T HAVE TO TAKE NO BULL FROM NOBODY.
AN' THAT INCLUDED THEM TUB-THUMPERS IN TAXVILLE. HMMPH! THEY CALL IT FARGOVILLE NOW.
AS IF ANYONE'S GOT THE RIGHT TO THAT NAME BUT US.

FUNNY... ONE BROTHER WENT ONE WAY, ONE ANOTHER. I COULD HAVE BEEN HIM AND BLOO MIGHT RUN IN THE FAMILY
YOU SAID YOU HAD TO KNOW SOME THINGS ABOUT EPHRAM IS THAT IT, JOE?
I'M AFRAID NOT
HE TOLD THEM ABOUT THE RANSOM DEMAND AND THE HUMAN TISSUE SENT TO JUSTICE DEPARTMENT
I HAVE TO BE SURE THAT THE REMAINS BODY THEY'RE HOLDING, I HAVE TO ASK YOUR PERMISSION TO EXHUME EPHRAM
THIS HERE YOU, WILL
SO YOU MAY COME HERE TO ABUSE OUR HOSPITALITY
I'VE KILLED MEN FOR LESS
BABY NOW YOU'RE TAKIN' THE WRONG END OF THE STICK THESE BOYS JOE'S FAMILY - HE AIN'T HERE TO DO US NO INJUSTICE ARE YOU, JOE?
I AM NOT JUST TO LEARN THE TRUTH
THAT'S ALL ANY MAN WANTS, AIN'T IT THAT AIN'T MY GRANDADDY BURIED UP THERE. I WANT TO KNOW. I TOO AM I WANT TO KNOW WHO'S RESPONSIBLE
NEVER THOUGHT I'D BE MEETIN' GREAT GRANDADDY FACE TO FACE
IF I IS YOUR GREAT GRANDADDY
GET BUSY COUN.

SKELETON'S MEASUREMENTS TALLY WITH WHAT WE KNOW. JUST GOT TO CONFIRM DNA.
CONFIRM.
DISREGARDING THE FACT POSSIBILITY COULD BE EUSTACE IN THERE. THAT'S GOT TO BE EPHEAM.
MORNING.
WELL, JOE. IT'S BEEN A REAL SHORT VISIT BUT IT'S BEEN INTERESTIN'.
GOOD THAT DIDN'T END IN BOOK UP.
MAYBE ONE DAY WE'LL MAKE US A TRIP TO THE BIG CITY. RETURN THE COMPLIMENT.
SURE LIKE TO MEET SOME OF THEM FANCY MEGA-CITY WOMEN.
YOU DO THAT.
BUT THEY'RE MUTANTS. THEY WOULDN'T BE ALLOWED IN THE CITY.
LET'S NOT GO INTO THAT AGAIN.
MAYBE THE TIME THINGS CHANGED.
BIT DIFFERENT WHEN IT GETS PERSONAL, HUH?
WELL, MAKE THAT THE LAST REMARK OOHH.

SOMETHING'S WEIRD. THE NEWSREEL GAVE FARGO'S BIRTHDATE AS MAY EIGHT? BUT IT SAYS ON THE TOMB 2001 HOW COME?
I DON'T KNOW, COHN. 2001 IS THE DATE WE HAVE THE DATE HE ALWAYS USED.
MAYBE HE WANTED TO BE THOUGHT A CHILD OF THE 21ST CENTURY
THAT'S NOT ALL THAT'S WEIRD. YOU SAID FARGO WAS NEVER IN THAT TOMB ANYWAY
SO WHERE DID WE BURY HIM? AND WHY ALL THE MYSTERY?
HE CAUGHT A BULLET IN A DRIVE-BY I KNOW THAT MUCH.
HE DIDN'T AND WE DIDN'T BURY HIM. I MEAN.
MAINLY BECAUSE HE WASN'T DEAD.
BUT WE'VE ALL SEEN THE VID.
A SKILFUL SIMULATION. THE TRUTH IS RATHER MORE BIZARRE
THERE WAS A RUMOUR WHEN I WAS IN THE ACADEMY THAT HE WAS SEEN DURING THE WAR ALIVE. AND THAT'S TWELVE YEARS AFTER HE WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN KILLED. I NEVER BELIEVED IT. BUT
NO ONE SAYS A WORD ABOUT THIS WHEN WE GET BACK - IS THAT UNDERSTOOD?
THERE ARE THINGS YOU MAY NEED TO KNOW, BUT THEY REMAIN TOP SECRET. IF THE TRUTH WERE TO GET OUT IT WOULD REFLECT BADLY ON JUSTICE DEPARTMENT


FARGO'S NEW JUDICIAL SYSTEM WAS HARSH, MISTAKES WERE MADE BUT THE CITIZENS WAS PREPARED TO OVERLOOK A FEW TEETHING TROUBLES. THEY WERE TIRED OF THE CORRUPT LOOKING LIKE A WARZONE
A HUGE CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME GOT UNDER WAY. FOREMOST AMONG THE 100-BLOCKS OF THE PRISON POPULATION, SOARED BUT THANKS TO AUTOMATION, DOM'S ACTUALLY WENT DOWN. THE CITIZENS LIKED THAT TOO
JUSTICE DEPARTMENT RAPIDLY GREW INTO AN ARM OF GOVERNMENT POWERFUL ENOUGH TO RIVAL CONGRESS ITSELF.
A LESSER MAN COULD NEVER HAVE ACHIEVED IT BUT FARGO'S REPUTATION FOR INTEGRITY GARNERED IT THROUGH A MAN OF UNSHAKABLE PRINCIPLE WHO LIVED BY THE RULES HE SET FOR OTHERS
NO TEMPTATION COULD LURE HIM FROM THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW NO BRIBE OR FAVOUR CORRUPT HIM. THOSE WHO FELL BELOW HIS STANDARDS WERE QUICKLY DEALT WITH.
THE PEOPLE BELIEVED IN HIM. THAT WAS THE KEY IN THE PAST THEY'D BEEN LED TO BY POLITICIANS OF EVERY HUE FARGO WAS DIFFERENT
AND THERE LAY THE DANGER. ONE STEP OVER THE LINE AND THE WHOLE EDIFACE COULD CRUMBLE
EVEN NOW I CAN'T BE SURE OF THE FULL TRUTH I WAS ALL HUSHED UP. I GOT THIS FROM GOODMAN HIMSELF BUT HE COULD HAVE BEEN HOLDING BACK.
THERE WAS A WOMAN, SEQUENTA TELLS. VICE CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION ON LEGAL REFORM. SHE AND FARGO LIAISED WHEN HIS WORKLOAD PERMITTED
YOU LOOK TIRED EUSTACE
HAVEN'T SLEPT FOR 48 HOURS. FUMIGATING WASHINGTON HAD TO BE DONE.
MY TECHNICAL DIVISION IS WORKING ON A NEW SLEEP MACHINE - YOU GET A WHOLE NIGHT'S SLEEP IN HALF AN HOUR. I'LL BE THEIR FIRST CUSTOMER. I CAN TELL YOU.
LET'S LEAVE THIS FOR TONIGHT THEN. I'LL HAVE MY STAFF DRAFT A MEMO IN THE MORNING
YOU WORK TOO HARD DON'T THINK WE DON'T APPRECIATE IT. BUT YOU'LL BURN YOURSELF OUT EUSTACE.
YOU'RE A MAN, NOT A MACHINE. YOU'VE GOT TO RELAX SOMETIMES...

BIKE SENSORS ARE PICKING UP MOVEMENT EAST NORTH EAST RANGE 1000
PUT OUT 5 SIDEWINDER DRONES
THEY NEVER FOUND OUT WHO MADE THE CALL. THEY HAD THEIR SUSPICIONS. FARGO WASN'T WITHOUT ENEMIES.
IT WAS A POTENTIAL HOMICIDE. WOMAN SCREAMING IN A JERSEYVILLE APARTMENT. TWO JUDGES WERE DISPATCHED. THIS WAS IN MARCH OF 2091
DON'T MOVE.

SIR?
WE'RE SIRRY. WE HAD A REPORT
DIDN'T REALISE IT WAS YOU SIR
WELL, I'LL BE HYPOCRITICAL OLD DOG
NOT SURE I AGREED WITH THE WHOLE MORK THING ANYWAY
FARGO DID AS DO I. LET'S NOT TURN THIS INTO A POLITICAL DEBATE SHONGHEE
WELL WELL LOOK WHO T'IS
GONNA GET EM GRIGLEY GONNA MAKE 'EM PA FOR SHOOTIN' US UP OR MY NAME AIN'T NICEY NICEY
GOTTA FIND OUT WHAT'S IN THAT HOVER-BAGS NICEY
HERE'S THAT DAMNADDED @#%&$@ AGAIN
SHINK!
YOU DIDN'T TELL US WE WUR GOING HAFTA SPEND ALL NIGHT CARSEN' OFF @#%&$@ NICEY
SHUDDUP KEEP YOUR VOICE DOWN!

DIDN'T LEARN, THEIR LESSON THE FIRST TIME.
SOME PEOPLE NEVER DO
JOHN, LOGAN, YOU STAY WITH THE TRUCK. WE'LL SPLIT UP, CATCH THEM FROM TWO SIDES. NO SURVIVORS THIS TIME.
RANGE 800
LET'S GET CLOSER, NO SENSE WASTING BIKE CHARGE
SO WHAT HAPPENED?
WITH FARGO ?
SOLOMON WAS JOINT DEPUTY CHIEF JUDGE AT THE TIME WITH GOODMAN. HE CALLED IN THE OFFICER-INVOLVED
THEY'D BEEN DISCREET THEY'D SPOKEN TO NO ONE. THEY UNDERSTOOD WHAT WAS INVOLVED.
FARGO WAS ANOTHER MATTER. HE HAD INSTITUTED THE MONASTIC CODE THAT EVERY JUDGE MUST LIVE BY
TOO EXTREME, MANY THOUGHT. BUT THERE WERE GOOD REASONS FOR IT. AND NOW HE HAD FALLEN BELOW HIS OWN, EXACTING STANDARDS.
WHAT YOU SAW NEVER HAPPENED. YOU WILL SAY NOTHING TO ANYONE. YOU WILL WIPE IT FROM YOUR MINDS.
OF COURSE SIR.
YES SIR.
HE WAS OLD SCHOOL - AND HE NEVER HAD THE BENEFIT OF THE ACADEMY
SELF DENIAL IS DRUMMED INTO US UNTIL IT BECOMES NATURAL. IT'S AN ESSENTIAL PART OF WHAT MAKES US "JUDGE". IT MAKES US STRONGER.
AND ONELER
YES JUDGE!

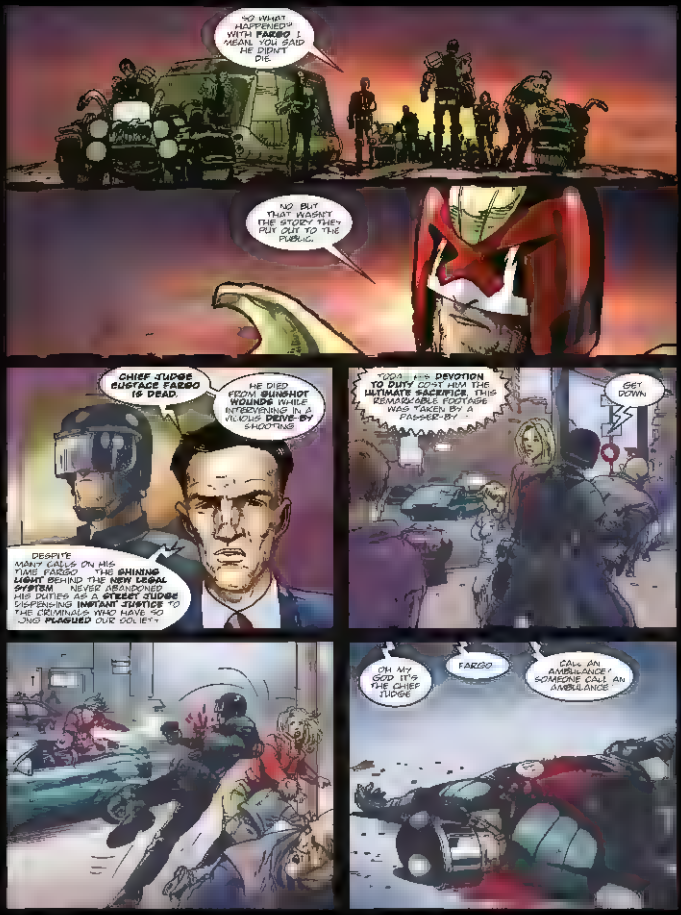
IN 2039 PIERCE WAS IN OFFICE. HE HAD BUILT HIS WHOLE CAMPAIGN ON THE INSTANT JUSTICE TICKET
MY RESIGNATION, MR PRESIDENT
YOUR RESIGNATION? I...I DON'T UNDERSTAND EUSTACE
PERSONAL REASONS SIR.
I'VE INFORMED THE PRESIDENT THAT YOU ARE RECONSIDERING. THIS IS AN OVER-REACTION, EUSTACE. GIVE YOURSELF TIME TO THINK ABOUT IT
YOU HAD NO RIGHT TO DO THAT SOLOMON. I HAVE ALREADY THOUGHT LONG AND DEEPLY
SO YOU MADE A MISTAKE. GOOD GRIEF MAN, WE'RE ALL HUMAN. CUT YOURSELF A LITTLE SLACK
WHEN I DENY IT TO OTHERS? THAT I CANNOT DO
WE'RE NOT ACCEPTING IT. THIS DEPARTMENT NEEDS YOU EUSTACE - THE COUNTRY NEEDS YOU.
THANK YOU SOLOMON. I'LL GIVE YOUR COMMENTS DUE CONSIDERATION
BANG

EUSTACE
HE'S SHOT HIMSELF
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO SOLOMON?
HE'S DESTROYED MUCH OF THE LEFT TEMPORAL LOBE. THERE ARE SKULL FRAGMENTS EMBEDDED MUCH DEEPER. WE'RE TRYING TO GET THEM OUT
THERE IS STILL BRAIN ACTIVITY BUT HE'S IN DEEP SHOCK. EVEN IF HE PULLS THROUGH IN ALL PROBABILITY HE WILL NEVER RECOVER HIS FACULTIES.
OUR ENEMIES WILL HAVE A FIELD DAY WHEN THEY FIND OUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES. AND BY GOD WE'VE MADE ENOUGH OF THEM.
THEY'LL USE IT TO CRUSH US. WHAT WE'RE DOING IS TOO IMPORTANT TO ALLOW THAT. CLARENCE NONE OF THIS MUST GET OUT
BUT OFFICERS WE CAN TALK IN BARGO'S OFFICE. I'LL SPEAK TO MRS TELLS PERSONALLY. WE MUST ENSURE HER SILENCE

DREDD'S ACCOUNT IS BRIEFLY INTERRUPTED
TAKE 'EM.'
BDAM!
BDAM!
HOLYYY MEEPE!
A LITTLE FRENCH? TALK THAT'S CLASS NICE?!
SHAAA

BUDDA BUDDA
AIEEEE!
THERE'S NO FIGHTIN' 'EM
KAWOOM
BDAM
OHH FRIGGIN' NICE! I KNEW WE SHOULDN'T'VE LISTENED TO HIM!
SOME FLED TOWARD THE CAMP
WRONG CHOICE
GET AFTER THOSE RUNNERS! NO PRISONERS. THE CURSED EARTH CAN WELL DO WITHOUT THEM!
FROM INFRA-RED VISORS, NIGHT WAR NO PROTECTION

AUH...HELP ME.
BDAM!
PRETTY SURE WE GOT 'EM ALL.
GOOD.
THIS IS THEIR LEADER.
I'VE HEARD ALL I WANT FIZOM YOU.
BDCHAM!
DAWN'S COMING. WE RIDE IN FIVE MINUTES. IF YOU NEED SLEEP DO IT IN THE SADDLE.
WE, WE CAN DO A DEAL, LAWMAN, LIKE LET'S PARLAY


SO WHAT HAPPENED WITH FARGO I MEAN, YOU SAID HE DIDN'T DIE.
NO. BUT THAT WASN'T THE STORY THEY PUT OUT TO THE PUBLIC.
CHIEF JUDGE EUSTACE FARGO IS DEAD.
HE DIED FROM GUNSHOT WOUNDS WHILE INTERVENING IN A VICIOUS DRIVE-BY SHOOTING.
DESPITE MANY CALLS ON HIS TIME, FARGO KEPT THE SHINING LIGHT BEHIND THE NEW LEGAL SYSTEM NEVER ABANDONED HIS DUTIES AS A STREET JUDGE DISPENSING INSTANT JUSTICE TO THE CRIMINALS WHO HAVE SO LONG PLAGUED OUR SOCIETY.
TODAY'S DEVOTION TO DUTY COST HIM THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE. THIS REMARKABLE FOOTAGE WAS TAKEN BY A PASSER-BY.
GET DOWN
OH MY GOD IT'S THE CHIEF JUDGE
FARGO
CALL AN AMBULANCE! SOMEONE CALL AN AMBULANCE

EUSTACE FARGO DIED AS HE LIVED: STANDING UP FOR THE RIGHTS AND LIVES OF ORDINARY CITIZENS.
HIS HONESTY, HIS INTEGRITY, HIS COURAGE, AND HIS WILLINGNESS TO SACRIFICE ALL FOR THE GOOD OF THIS NATION WILL STAND FOREVER AS AN EXAMPLE TO EVERY AMERICAN.
HIS DEATH CAN ONLY REINFORCE THE CASE FOR THE LAWS THAT HE INTRODUCED. SO TO ANY WHO THINK INSTANT JUSTICE TOO IS DEAD BE DISABUSED OF THAT NOTION.
I HAVE TODAY APPOINTED JUDGE HOLDEN SOLOMON TO THE POST OF CHIEF JUDGE.
FARGO IS GONE, BUT HIS LEGACY WILL LIVE ON.
SO WE FACED THE SHOOTING TO COVER UP THE FACT THAT FARGO COULDN'T LIVE BY HIS OWN RULES. OUR WHOLE SYSTEM'S BUILT ON A LIE
HARDLY. FARGO WAS ONLY HUMAN. HUMAN BEINGS ARE FALLIBLE DOESN'T MEAN THE SYSTEM'S WRONG.
BUT WHAT SOLOMON AND GOODMAN DID - THE COVER-UP - THAT WAS WAY OUT OF LINE.
I DISAGREE. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, IT WAS ALL THEY COULD DO.
WOULD YOU HAVE EVERYTHING THAT HAD BEEN CREATED DESTROYED BECAUSE OF ONE MAN'S WEAKNESS, SANCHEZ?
WELL, NO. I GUESS NOT.
LOOK ON IT AS A SMART P.R. MOVE
BUT WHY SAY HE WAS DEAD?
IN RETROSPECT, IT WAS PERHAPS UNWISE. SOLOMON WAS TOO CLEVER FOR HIS OWN GOOD SOMETIMES. BUT AT THE TIME IT APPEARED UNLIKELY THAT FARGO WOULD RECOVER.
SO SOLOMON SAW IT. A MARTYR - A NOBLE SACRIFICE - WOULD BE A MORE POWERFUL TOOL THAN A LIVING VEGETABLE IN THE BATTLE FOR THE SOUL OF JUSTICE DEPARTMENT. AND A BATTLE WAS SURELY COMING.
ONCE THE DECISION WAS MADE OF COURSE IT WAS TOO LATE TO GO BACK.
AS FOR WHAT HAPPENED AFTERWARDS, AND THE PART FARGO PLAYED IN IT, I CAN TELL YOU THAT FIRST HAND, BECAUSE I WAS THERE.
LET'S RIDE.

JUDGE FARGO IS OUT OF DANGER NOW
THE PROGNOSIS IS A LITTLE MORE HOPEFUL TODAY. WHEN HE RECOVERS IF HE RECOVERS HE COULD REGAIN SOME DEGREE OF "NORMAL" FREDHAP "EVEN MOBILITY
YOU SAY COULD?"
THE LEFT AND RIGHT TEMPORAL LOBES PERFORM SIMILAR FUNCTIONS. IN CASES WHERE ONE IS DESTROYED, THE OTHER CAN OFTEN TAKE OVER.
THERE IS HOWEVER, SIGNIFICANT COLLATERAL DAMAGE. IT IS FAR MORE PROBABLE THAT HE WILL BE A VIRTUAL VEGETABLE.
THEY'RE DOING EXCELLENT WORK ON STEM CELL REGENERATION IN OAK FACILITY IN TENNESSEE FOR THE MOMENT. THAT IS HIS BEST HOPE
"IT'S OUT OF THE WAY AT LEAST NONE OF THIS MUST GET OUT AS FAR AS THE PUBLIC IS CONCERNED FARGO DIED IN THE SHOOTING."
TOP FIGURES FROM THE WORLD OF POLITICS AND SHOWBUSINESS TURNED OUT TODAY, AND MILLIONS MORE GATHERED OUTSIDE THE GRAND HALL OF JUSTICE FOR THE FUNERAL OF CHIEF JUDGE EUSTACE FARGO
FARGO, WHO PERISHED AS HE HAD LIVED FIGHTING FOR THE LIVES AND LIBERTY OF THE CITIZENS, WAS LAID TO REST IN A SPECIALLY BUILT TOMB WITHIN THE GRAND HALL.
PRESIDENT FOREMAN PIERCE HIMSELF GAVE THE EULOGY.

FOR TWENTY YEARS EUSTACE FARGO HAS NURTURED AND GUIDED THIS NATION. HE HAS MASTERMINDED THE REPLACEMENT OF TRIAL BY JURY WITH INSTANT JUSTICE. A SYSTEM NOW WIDELY COPIED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD
HE HAS SEEN US THROUGH GREAT CHANGES. HE HAS WATCHED OVER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MEGA-CITIES, MAINTAINING THE PEACE ON OUR STREETS IN TROUBLED TIMES
AND THOUGH HE HAS HIS ENEMIES HIS DETRACTORS, LET NONE BE IN ANY DOUBT, FARGO'S LEGACY WILL NOT DIE WITH HIM. THERE CAN BE NO TURNING BACK
CHIEF JUDGE, WE'VE TALKED ABOUT A CLONING PROGRAMME BEFORE. WE HAVE A SIGNIFICANT QUANTITY OF FARGO'S PHYSICAL MATERIAL. YOUNG JUDD HERE HAS SOME EXCELLENT IDEAS
NOW IS NOT THE TIME, ARTICUS
WITH RESPECT SIR, THERE'LL NEVER BE A BETTER TIME TO START WITH THE FATHER OF JUSTICE HIMSELF. WE CAN MAKE ENDLESS COPIES
AND OUR ENEMIES WILL USE IT AGAINST US. THEY WILL SAY WE'RE TRYING TO CREATE A SUPER RACE. THE PEOPLE ARE NOT READY FOR THAT
2052 -
CONGRESS TODAY APPROVED THE AUTONOMY ACT GIVING AMERICA'S THREE GREAT MEGA-CITIES VIRTUAL SELF-GOVERNMENT ON ALL BUT FOREIGN AND MILITARY AFFAIRS.
TEXAS CITY GOVERNOR ROBERT L. BOOTH WELCOMED THE CHANGE
SOME SAY THIS THE END FOR THE AMERICAN SUPERSTATE. I SAY IT IS MERELY THE END OF THE BEGINNING. LET US NEVER FORGET THAT UNITED WE ARE STILL THE MOST POWERFUL NATION ON EARTH.
YOU'RE YOUNG, JUDD. YOU'LL LEARN. THE TIME MAY COME, BUT THIS IS NOT IT
I'M SO GLAD TO HEAR T EUSTACE. PERHAPS IN TIME IF YOU KEEP UP THE PROGRESS WE'LL SEE YOU BACK HERE
WOGGED TODAY, HEALINS. THREE ST-STEPS. DOGGIES SAY IS IS GOOD.
WHEW! REACHED THE LIMIT. IS WHAT WE CAN DO. SUBJECT BRAIN FUNCTION IS BEGINNING TO DETERIORATE AGAIN. IN TEN YEARS - FIFTEEN PERHAPS - WE'LL KNOW SO MUCH MORE.
I'M ASKING PERMISSION TO PLACE SUBJECT FARGO IN SUSPENDED ANIMATION

HUSH-ING
THE CRYOGENIC FLUID PREVENTS ANY DAMAGE AT SUB-ZERO TEMPERATURES.
JUST IMAGINE IF WE COULD HAVE FROZEN LINCOLN - KENNEDY ONE DAY WE COULD HAVE BROUGHT THEM ALL BACK.
WOULD THAT HAVE BEEN A GOOD THING? I DON'T KNOW. THEY WERE GIANTS IN THEIR DAY. WHAT WOULD THEY MAKE OF IT NOW?
PERHAPS WE HOPE FOR TOO MUCH. THE WORLD MOVES SO FAST. PERHAPS EVEN EISTACE HARDY'S DAY IS GONE FOREVER.
2099
SCENES OF VIOLENT CONFRONTATION TODAY ON ROUTES INTO MEGA-CITY ONE AS NEW IMMIGRATION CONTROLS CAME INTO FORCE.
ON ROUTE THREE ALONE OVER 400 ARRESTS WERE MADE.
NON-CITIZENS MUST COMPLY WITH PROPER VISA REGULATIONS. ALL THOSE ATTEMPTING TO ENTER ILLEGALLY WILL BE DOCUMENTED, QUESTIONED AND DEPORTED BEYOND THE CITY LIMITS.
THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF MEGA-CITY ONE ARE FULLY BEHIND THE JUDGES IN THIS EXERCISE.
WE'RE NOT TOTALLY AGAINST IMMIGRATION. NATURALLY THOSE WITH QUALIFICATIONS WILL BE GIVEN PRIORITY, BUT RESIDENTS OF THE OUTLANDS MUST ACCEPT THERE IS A LIMIT TO THE NUMBERS THE MEGA-CITIES CAN HOLD.

2057
HOLLINS SOLOMON TODAY STEPS DOWN AS CHIEF JUDGE OF MEGA-CITY ONE
SOLOMON, WHO WITHSTOOD MANY STORMY BATTLES IN CONGRESS TO CONTINUE BUILDING JUSTICE DEPARTMENT INTO THE AWESOME LAW ENFORCEMENT TOOL IT IS TODAY, ANNOUNCED HIS INTENTION IN AUGUST TO RETURN TO HIS FIRST LOVE - THE STREETS.
HE WILL REMAIN AS A MEMBER OF THE NEW COUNCIL OF FIVE THE GUIDING COMMITTEE TO BE SET UP UNDER HIS REPLACEMENT FORMER DEPUTY CHIEF JUDGE CLARENCE GOODMAN.
ARE YOU SURE YOU WON'T CHANGE YOUR MIND HOLLINS?
I'M TIRED CLARENCE ... TIRED OF ALL THE IN-FIGHTING AND BACKSTABBING IN THE POLITICS.
I USED TO ENJOY IT FOR MY SINS, BUT NOW, SOMEHOW THE STREETS SEEM A MORE HONEST PLACE
YOU'VE SEEN THIS MAN BOOTH - THEY SAY HELL BE HARVISSON'S RUNNING MATE IN '60. AMERICA IS NOT ENOUGH FOR HIM. HE HAS BIGGER AMBITIONS, AND HE IS NO FRIEND OF OURS.
AKM MY THAT IS MY ADVICE TO YOU. BUILD JUSTICE DEPARTMENT INTO A FORCE CAPABLE OF TAKING ON THE MILITARY THERE'S A BATTLE COMING. ONE WE MUST NOT LOSE
ON A LIGHTER NOTE, JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TODAY ANNOUNCED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EXPERIMENTAL PSI DIVISION. THE DIVISION WILL CONDUCT RESEARCH INTO THE USE OF EXTRA-SENSORY POWERS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME
NO HIDING PLACE FOR TOMORROW'S CRIMINALS? BEWARE - IT COULD HAPPEN.
2060
THE VOTE OF THE NORTHERN STATES HAS JUST COME IN CONFIRMING THE LANDSLIDE WIN FOR HARVISSON AND BOOTH.
AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT PRESIDENT CHAMBERS HAS JUST FORMALLY CONCEDED VICTORY TO HER OPPONENTS.
MR BOOTH, AS THE NEW VICE PRESIDENT WILL YOU BE PURSUING A HARD LINE WITH THE GROWING ANTI-AMERICAN ALLIANCE?
GET THIS STRAIGHT - WE'RE NOT OUT TO BULLY ANYONE. NEITHER WILL WE BE GANGED UP ON. LET THOSE BANDING TOGETHER TO OPPOSE US TAKE THAT AS A WARNING
HARVISSON BOOTH

2064
CHIEF JUDGE GOODMAN, IT'S AN HONOUR TO HAVE YOU HERE SIR.
I'M SORRY I COULDN'T SPARE THE TIME BEFORE JUDD
SORRY ABOUT ATTICUS OF COURSE BUT I'M SURE HE LEAVES THE PROGRAMME IN GOOD HANDS.
SIX VIABLE CLONES SO FAR. WE'VE HAD OUR FAILURES - THE ACCELERATED BIRTHING PROCESS IS BREAKING NEW GROUND - BUT THESE ARE COMING ON WELL.
AT PRESENT WE'RE ESTIMATING SIXTEEN MONTHS FOR FULL GESTATION. THEY'LL EMERGE AT ROUGHLY AGE FIVE TO SIX
IN THE MEANTIME WE HAVE COMPLETE CONTROL OVER PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT AND DATA INPUT. THEY'RE BETTER VERSED NOW IN THE LAW THAN ANY STREET JUDGE, FIT FOCUSED AND 100 PER CENT LOYAL.
TOMORROW'S SUPER JUDGE
DREDD, JOSEPH (STRAIN 0001 FARGO)
THESE ARE FARGO'S. YOU'VE NAMED THEM ALREADY?
DREDD, RICO (STRAIN 0001 FARGO)
IT HELPS TO GIVE THEM INDIVIDUAL IDENTITIES, DREDD - WE THOUGHT THE NAME WAS APT. DESIGNED TO INSTIL FEAR IN THE POPULACE.
I DON'T MIND TELLING YOU SOLOMON STILL HAS DEEP RESERVATIONS.
HE'S WRONG SIR. HOW CAN ANYONE LOOK AT THEM AND NOT BELIEVE THIS IS THE FUTURE?

2066
WELCOME TO THE ACADEMY OF LAW. IT IS THE FERVENT DESIRE OF EVERY YOUNGSTER IN THE CITY TO BE WHERE YOU ARE NOW
AND YOU ARE ESPECIALLY PRIVILEGED, TO YOU HAS BEEN GRANTED THE HONOUR OF SERVING ON THIS DEPARTMENT'S MOST EXCEPTIONAL BLOODLINES. I AM CERTAIN YOU WILL NOT DISGRACE THEM.
ACADEMY OF LAW
TELL THEM, PRINCIPAL. ASK THEM ANYTHING YOU LIKE.
YOU, SIR! - DREDD. SIR? DEFINE.
SIR! - CRIME BLITZ. JUDGES ARE ENTITLED TO ENTRE AND SEARCH ANY CITIZEN'S HOME AT ANY TIME SIR.
DREDD
RICO
CRIME BLITZ IS VALUABLE NOT ONLY FOR UNCOVERING CRIME BUT ALSO FOR DETERRING FUTURE WRONGDOING
AND IT GIVES THEM RESPECT SIR, PUTS THE FEAR OF THE LAW INTO THEM.
THANK YOU, RICO. QUITE RIGHT AND YOU, IAN - MOVEY - CURRENT PENALTY FOR JAYWALKING, CONSTITUTION AVENUE, SECTOR SIX.
CONSTITUTION. A FAST TRACK SIX PENALTY IS AT JUDGE'S DISCRETION BUT MINIMUM TWO YEARS IS LAID DOWN. PERSONALLY I FEEL THAT IS TOO LENIENT
EXCELLENT. I CAN SEE WE MAY HAVE TO MOVE YOU ALL ON A LITTLE QUICKER. THAT IS GOOD.
WE ARE ENTERING DANGEROUS TIMES. WE WILL REQUIRE EVERY BIT OF AVAILABLE MANPOWER FOR THE "TOUGH" AHEAD
WE'RE READY, SIR.

EARL - AFTERNOON, AND DEEDS'S PARTY IS FORCED TO TAKE SHELTER -
FIRESTORM!
I'VE SEEN PICTURES BEFORE NEVER THOUGHT I'D BE CAUGHT IN ONE.
CHEMICALS IN THE ATMOSPHERE WATER DROPLETS GET COATED, LIGHTNING SETS THEM OFF
NO WONDER THEY CALL IT THE CURSED EARTH. PRESIDENT ROBERT L. BOOTH'S GIFT TO A GRATEFUL NATION.
BREAK OUT THE RATIONS. MIGHT AS WELL TAKE LUNCH
SO BOOTH GOT ELECTED
BOOTH. YES. BOSS.
OUR LAST PRESIDENT AND THE WORST

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS WERE ALREADY BAD BOOTH TOOK THEM TO A NEW LOW. THE WORLD WAS LIVING OFF OUR BACKS. THAT WAS HIS LINE.
"TRUTH WAS WE'D ALWAYS USED OUR MUSCLE TO MAKE SURE AMERICA'S INTERESTS CAME FIRST. BUT THAT WASN'T ENOUGH FOR BOOTH. HE WANTED EVERYTHING."
THEY SAY POWER CORRUPTS. ABSOLUTE POWER CORRUPTS ABSOLUTELY.
I'D LIKE TO THINK WE'RE DIFFERENT.
SO WOULD I, SANCHEZ. WE TRY.
BUT BOOTH, HE'D BEEN SPOILING FOR A FIGHT RIGHT FROM THE START AND HE GOT ONE. THOUGH IT WAS A LITTLE MORE THAN HE BARGAINED FOR.
FOREIGN STATES HAVE BEEN GIVEN EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO COME TO A REASONABLE SETTLEMENT OVER THEIR RESERVES. FOOLISHLY THEY INSIST ON HOLDING OUR COUNTRY TO RANSOM.
GO GET 'EM, BOB.
I HAVE THEREFORE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO ORDER OUR TROOPS TO SEIZE CONTROL OF THE MACHINERY OF PRODUCTION.
WE TAKE THIS ACTION IN OUR LEGITIMATE NATIONAL INTERESTS. LET ME THEREFORE ISSUE THIS WARNING
ANY OPPOSITION - FROM ANY EXTERNAL AGENCY - WILL BE CONSIDERED AN ACT OF HOSTILITY
TO HELL WITH CIVILIAN CASUALTIES! YOU GOTTA CRACK A FEW EGGS TA MAKE GOULASH!

THE UNION OF SOVIET MEGA-CITIES HEREBY VOICES OUR OWN WARNING: REMOVE YOUR TROOPS IMMEDIATELY OR A STATE OF WAR WILL EXIST BETWEEN US.
THE EUROPEAN CITY-STATES WILL NOT - CAN NOT STAND IDLY BY!
THE SINO BLOCK IS READY TO RESPOND TO THIS ACT OF BALDERDY.
WE WILL WIPE THE GREAT SATAN FROM THE FACE OF THE EARTH!
SEN-CIT IS RELUCTANT TO CONDEMN THE ACTIONS OF OUR AMERICAN ALLIES. LET US APPROACH THIS CRISIS IN A SPIRIT OF COMPROMISE.
THERE WAS OPPOSITION EVEN IN BOOTH'S OWN OFFICE
WITH RESPECT MR PRESIDENT, I BELIEVE YOU'RE LEADING US INTO A WAR FROM WHICH THE WORLD MAY NEVER RECOVER. IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO PULL BACK.
YOU DAMNED YELLOWBELLY BENEDICT, YOU THINK WE CAN'T HANDLE THE SOVS AND THE EUROS? GET HIM THE HELL OUT OF HERE
WASN'T OUR PROVINCE KENSA. IT WAS BECOMING A FREE ONE WE COULDN'T RIGHTFULLY TAKE NOT THEN.
WHY DIDN'T JUSTICE DEPARTMENT "PREVENT" WHY DIDN'T WE STOP IT?
GOODMAN HAD BUILT UP THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT ARSENAL AS SOLOMON HAD ADVISED. BUT WE HAD NO LEGAL RIGHT TO INTERFERE IN GOVERNMENTAL MATTERS. OUR CONCERN WAS THE LAW. NOTHING MORE.
ON THE MORNING OF JUNE 10, 2070, JURORS WERE CALLED TO THE WHITE HOUSE LAWN. THEY FOUND THE BODY OF SPECIAL ADVISOR ARNOLD BENEDICT FLOATING IN THE PRESIDENT'S CATFISH POOL.
IT LOOKED ON THE FACE OF IT A CASE OF SUICIDE. BENEDICT HAD AN ALCOHOL PROBLEM AND A MESSY DIVORCE. HE WAS KNOWN TO BE ANTI-WAR. THE PROSPECT HAD DRIVEN HIM OVER THE EDGE.
WHAT THEY WOULD EVENTUALLY FIND - TOO LATE - WAS A TRAIL OF MURDER AND DECEPTION THAT LED STRAIGHT BACK TO BOOTH HIMSELF!

BUT AT THE TIME THE WERE MORE CONCERNED WITH MORE IMMEDIATE MATTERS. ON JUNE 12 CHIEF JUDGE GOODMAN CONVENED A MEETING OF THE JUDGES OF AMERICA'S THREE GREAT MEGA-CITIES
SOME OF YOU HAVE ALREADY MET MARLON MUNNICH AND GABE SUAREZ
GRIM TIMES, SOLOMON.
THIS HAS BEEN BETTER MARLON. THAT'S FOR SURE.
AH, JOHANSSEN, I SEE YOU'VE BROUGHT TUDD.
WE'VE BEEN TAKING A KEEN INTEREST IN YOUR PROGRAMME TUDD.
IT'S LOOKING VERY PROMISING SIR. OUR FIRST CLONES ARE CURRENTLY DISTINGUISHING THEMSELVES AT THE ACADEMY.
WHO KNOWS IF THEY'LL LIVE TO SERVE? WE COULD ALL BE GOING TO HELL IN A HOVERCRAFT.
THE PRESIDENT IS INTENT ON WAR. I HAVE PERSONALLY MADE REPRESENTATIONS - THE PRACTICALS - BUT HE LAUGHED ME OUT OF THE OFFICE.
WHAT ARE YOU SUGGESTING WE DO, CLARENCE? ARREST HIM?
WOULD THAT WE COULD BUT OH WHAT GROUNDS?
INSANITY.
THE MAN IS CLEARLY MAD. HE BELIEVES OUR SHIELDS CAN STOP EVERYTHING EVEN IF THEY COULD. WHAT KIND OF WORLD WILL WE BE LEFT WITH AFTERWARDS?
THIS WAR WILL BE GLOBAL, GENTLEMEN. IT WILL BE THE GREATEST DEVASTATION THE EARTH HAS KNOWN SINCE THE EXTINCTION OF THE DINOSAURS. IT IS OUR DUTY TO PREVENT IT ANY WAY WE CAN.
I THOUGHT IF WE APPROACHED HIM TOGETHER HE MIGHT LISTEN TO REASON.
HE'S THREATENED TO DISBAND US! THAT'S WHAT HE WANTS! TO RETURN THIS CITY TO THE OLD WAYS - TRIAL BY JURY AND RAMPANT CORRUPTION!
SADLY, I DOUBT ROBERT H. BOOTH IS OPEN TO REASON.
COULD HE DO IT?
NOT AS POPULAR AS WE ONCE WERE, AND HE'S GOT THE PEOPLE WORKED UP TO FEVER PITCH. THEY BELIEVE WE CAN WIN THIS WAR.
IF WE'RE GOING TO CONFRONT HIM, LET US NOT DELAY.
CHIEF JUDGE THE PRESIDENT IS MAKING AN ANNOUNCEMENT SIR.

THE FIRST MISSILES ARE SPEEDING TOWARDS THEIR TARGETS. THE WAR TO END ALL WARS HAS BEGUN, MY FELLOW AMERICANS. WHEN IT IS OVER WE WILL BE RAISING THE STARS AND STRIPES OVER THE ENTIRE GLOBE.
IT'S STARTED.
WE DIDN'T WANT THIS WAR - WE DIDN'T ASK FOR IT - BUT AS SURE AS GOD IS MY JUDGE WE WILL FINISH IT.
IT'S TOO LATE TO DO ANYTHING NOW. WE MUST RETURN TO OUR CITIES WHILE WE STILL CAN.
THE SHIELDS DEFLECTED THE FIRST INCOMING STRIKES. YOU WERE WITH ME AT EERIE RENGA. YOU SAW THE RESULT.
*THARGNOTE: SEE "KOD" IN THE EERIE PRESS: 1057-1060
MARES'S SHIP WAS CAUGHT IN A BLAST OVER THE MID-WEST. HE NEVER REACHED MEGA-CITY TWO.

"PERHAPS HE WAS THE LUCKY ONE. HE NEVER LIVED TO SEE WHAT WAS LEFT WHEN THE BOMBS STOPPED FALLING."

INTO THE GREAT ATOM WAR HAS BEGUN, AND THE WORLD WILL NEVER BE THE SAME
WE HAVE STRIKES CONTINENT WIDE, MR. PRESIDENT
APART FROM THE STRIKE ON ERIE - AND ONE HERE IN THE SAN DIEGO QUAD - THE MEGA-CITIES DEFENCES ARE HOLDING
SOUTH SECTOR LASER SCREEN IS BREACHED!
SCRATCH BALTIMORE QUADRANT!

THAT'S D-DAMN CLOSE. IT COULD BE **US** NEXT. GOD HELP US
THE HELL WITH GOD! I'M TALKIN' IN YOUR DAMN **SCREWED** GENERAL!
NOTHING IS FOOLPROOF SIR
INCOMING! WE HAVE STRIKES ON **HAZELHURST LONG ISLAND**
THE **CHIEF** JUDGE A SHORT WHILE AGO DECLARED A **STATE OF EMERGENCY** & ALL **CADETS** ABOVE THE AGE OF **FOURTEEN** ARE ASSIGNED WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT TO **FULL ACTIVE SERVICE.**
WHAT WILL BE LEFT WHEN THIS **WAR** IS OVER I DREAD TO IMAGINE. FOR NOW WE MUST PUT OUR FEARS ASIDE AND CONCENTRATE ON OUR **DUTY**. REPORT TO YOUR SECTION HEADS FOR ASSIGNMENT
SIR - WE REQUEST TO JOIN THE OLDER CADETS
I APPRECIATE YOUR SPIRIT INDEED - ALL OF YOU. I IS NO LESS THAN I WOULD EXPECT FROM OUR **CLONES**. BUT AT YOUR TENDER YEARS
THEY ARE EXTREMELY **CAPABLE** FOR THEIR AGE PRINCIPAL. THEY KNOW THE **LAW** INSIDE OUT. PERHAPS CONSIDERING THE SITUATION BETTER THAT THEY SHOULD BE OCCUPIED USEFULLY
YES. YES. YOU HAVE A POINT.
VERY WELL. ALL OF YOU, REPORT TO THE ARMOURY
YES SIR
THANK YOU SIR

I'M ISSUING YOU WITH REGULATION STREET UNIFORM AND FULL COMBAT ARMAMENT. YOU WILL BE ASSIGNED IN PAIRS TO A SERVING OFFICER WITH THE TEMPORARY RANK OF JUDGES OF MEGA-CITY ONE
KINNISON.
SIR, YOU'RE THE FARGO CLONES EH? WELL I'M HONOURED.
THE HONOUR'S OURS SIR.
I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW PROUD WE FELT
SCARED TOO. WE WERE RIDING INTO A NIGHTMARE

THERE WAS PANIC ON THE STREETS. TRAFFIC WAS SNARLED UP DEAD. PEOPLE WERE JUST ABANDONING THEIR VEHICLES. WE HAD TO GET VITAL ROUTES MOVING AGAIN.
FORTUNATELY, BY THEN MOST VEHICLES HAD AUTO-PILOTS.
RETURN TO YOUR PRIMARY RESIDENCE.
INSTRUCTION UNDERSTOOD
GET OFF THE STREETS! GET IN YOUR CARS! GET HOME!
AAAHHHHH! AAAHHHHH! AAAHHHHH!
THAT'S ENOUGH, CITIZEN. SCREAMING'S NOT GOING TO GET YOU ANYWHERE ON YOUR FEET!
AAAIEEEEEEE!
THIS IS FOR YOUR OWN GOOD!
WASTING YOUR TIME, JOE. SHE'S TOO FAR GONE. GRAB HER.

SHE LIVES IN APARTMENT 108 COOPER CENTRE SECTOR 12
GO TO COOPER CENTRE
COOPER CENTRE INSTRUCTION UNDERSTOOD
BEST WE CAN DO WITH HER.
UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES.
SKKKACHHHHHHH!
LOOTERS! NO MERCY! TAKE 'EM DOWN!
"TO KILL IN THE NAME OF JUSTICE ... UNTIL THEN IT HAD JUST BEEN AN IDEA, A THEORETICAL IMPERATIVE FORTUNATELY, WHEN THE TIME CAME NEITHER OF US WAS FOUND WANTING."
DREDD
RICO
DREDD
SUCK ON THAT, JAYBIRD SCUM!
RICO

AHHHHH!
BDAM BDAM
BDAM
CLEAR 'EM OUT
WE PUT A STOP TO IT. HAD 'EM TUMBLING OUT OF SECOND FLOOR WINDOWS JUST TO GET AWAY FROM US.
OF COURSE, IT WAS LIKE TRYING TO HOLD BACK THE TIDE BUT WE DID WHAT WE COULD.
FIGURED I'D PULLED THE SHORT STRAW BABYSITTING YOU TWO BUT YOU CAN HANDLE YOURSELVES. HOW OLD ARE YOU - TEN? ELEVEN?
SOMETHING LIKE THAT SIR
ACCELERATED CLONING. KIND OF HARD TO SAY
HELP ME! I'M DYING HERE
HANDS OFF
NOT ENOUGH MEDS FOR LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS WE'RE GOING TO WASTE OUR TIME ON YOU
UNHH!
YOU'VE GOT THE ATTITUDE THAT'S FOR SURE.
LET'S JUST HOPE WHEN THIS IS OVER THERE'S STILL A CITY LEFT FOR YOU TO JUDGE

DOGS AND CORPSES BAD MIXTURE
STOPPPP-!
GOD DAMN YOU
BAM!
BAM!
GRUDDAMN ANIMALS ONE DAY WE'LL BAN THEM
DON'T THINK THEY KILLED HIM, SIR. LOOKS LIKE ANOTHER SUICIDE.
YOU HEAR SOMEONE SCREAM-?

NO GOOD CRYIN' LITTLE LADY NO ONE GONNA HELP YOU NOW!
IT'S THE END OF THE WORLD BABY
JUST LIE STILL AN DO YOUR BIT FOR UNCLE SAM.
YOU SOLDIERS BACK OFF!
OH GOD HELP ME
IT'S THE LAW BOYS
HEY MAN, TAKE IT EASY. DON'T MATTER NO MORE. WE'RE ALL GONNA DIE
YOU SURE AS HELL ARE!
BDAM
BDAM
DIVE!
WATCH YOUR FLANK AIR
UNGGGGH!
BRRAPPPP

UHHH.
BDAM
BDAM
RAISE YOUR HANDS.
WE WON'T HESITATE TO SHOOT.
THEY'RE JUST KIDS
DREDD TO CONTROL, JUDGE KHANISOKS BEEN SHOT. IT LOOKS BAD
HEY, C'MON. BOTH WE'RE ALL ON THE SAME SIDE HERE
BLAM
BDAM
WATCH 'EM, RICO
TAKE 'EM UNHHHH.
NUH. NICE WORK, YOU TWO..
YOU TWO WILL MAKE
DREDD
DREDD
HE...HE'S DEAD

DAMN MILITARY MORONS THAN SAVAGES.
YO. DID WELL HERE SORRY ABOUT KINNISON. THAT'S THE LIFE I'M AFRAID
SHELTERING FROM A FIRESTORM DREDD CONTINUED TO RECOUNT THE EVENTS OF THAT FATEFUL JUNE
BY THE 15TH THE BOMBS HAD STOPPED FALLING THE WORLD HAD BEEN NUKED INTO SUBMISSION.
WE WEREN'T MUCH BETTER. VAST TRACTS OF THE COUNTRY WERE UNINHABITABLE - RADIATION POCKETS NO ONE COULD GO NEAR.
A PALL OF SMOKE HUNG OVER THE CITIES. POWER WAS CUT OFF. THEY PUT TROOPS ON THE STREETS TO HELP RESTORE ORDER, AND ALL TOO OFTEN WE FOUND OURSELVES FIGHTING THEM.
HOWARD LINT CHIEF JUDGE UP TILL THIS MORNING HE WAS A GENIOUS AIDE TO THE PRESIDENT
HE CAME IN OF HIS OWN VOLITION?
YES SIR.
MR LINT WOULD YOU TELL THE CHIEF JUDGE WHAT YOU'VE JUST TOLD US?
ER- YES CERTAINLY
ARNOLD, ARNOLD BENEDICT THE PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL ADVISOR WAS MURDERED ON THE ORDERS OF THE PRESIDENT
THAT'S A SERIOUS ACCUSATION MR LINT. YOU CAN PROVE IT?
NOT AS SUCH, NO. BUT I KNOW WHAT HAPPENED. I SAW ENOUGH.

MR PRESIDENT, I BELIEVE YOURE LEADING US INTO A WAR FROM WHICH THE WORLD MAY NEVER RECOVER. IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO PULL BACK.
YOU DAMNED YELLOWBELLY BENEDICT, YOU THINK WE CAN'T HANDLE THE SOVS AND THE REST? GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE!
WITH RESPECT, SIR, I'M NOT JUST ADVISING YOU, SIR. I'VE ALWAYS BEEN LOYAL, BUT IF YOU PERSIST IN THIS COURSE OF ACTION, I WON'T REMAIN SILENT ANY LONGER.
YOU WON'T REMAIN SILENT. NOW THAT SOUNDS KINDA LIKE A THREAT ARNOLD. I WISH YOU HADN'T SAID THAT.
WHAT YOU HAFTA UNDERSTAND IS, THIS IS A GREAT MISSION! WE'VE EMBARKED ON THE GREATEST IN OUR HISTORY. BECAUSE WHEN IT IS OVER THE WHOLE WORLD WILL BELONG TO US.
NOW, THAT'S WORTH FIGHTING FOR, ARNOLD. THAT IS WHY I CANNOT ALLOW ANYTHING - OR ANY ONE - TO GET IN THE WAY.
WAS PASSING ARNOLD'S OFFICE A SHORT WHILE LATER, I SAW THEM TAKING HIM. ACCOMPANIED BY FRANK LEVINE AND TWO OTHERS I DIDN'T RECOGNISE.
WHERE ARE WE GOING? I'VE DONE NOTHING WRONG.
OF COURSE YOU HAVEN'T, MR BENEDICT. NOT YET.
WHEN YOU'VE SEARCHED HIS OFFICE, CHECK HIS HOME.
HE WAS DIVORCED - HE MAY HAVE LEFT SOMETHING WITH THE EX-WIFE. CHECK OUT HIS MOTHER'S APARTMENT, TOO.
BOOK ARNOLD. PERSONAL PROBLEMS. OH, THE EVE OF AMERICA'S GREATEST TRIUMPH. HE JUST COULDN'T WAIT AROUND TO SEE IT.

THE FOLLOWING MORNING AS YOU KNOW, BENEDICT WAS FOUND FLOATING IN THE PRESIDENT'S CATFISH POOL.
BUT YOU DIDN'T SEE THE ACTUAL CRIME, MR. LINT?
NO
THEN THERE'S STILL NOTHING TO DIRECTLY LINK THE PRESIDENT WITH THE CRIME. HAVE WE INTERVIEWED THE SECURITY STAFF?
CHIEF OF WHITE HOUSE SECURITY DICK MCCRACKEN WAS ABOARD A MOTORSHIP WITH LEWIS AND TWO OTHERS ON THE MORNING OF THE 12TH WHEN IT BLEW UP OVER CHESAPEAKE BAY.
THE BODIES HAVE NOT YET BEEN RECOVERED.
I SEE. MAXIMUM DENIABILITY.
WHAT WAS IT BENEDICT KNEW ME LINT? WHAT MADE HIM SUCH A DANGER TO THE PRESIDENT?
THE ELECTION IT WAS RIGGED?
THE 68 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION?
YES
YOU'RE SAYING BOOTH STOLE THE PRESIDENCY?
ARNOLD TOLD ME BOOTH'S MEN RIGGED THE VOTE COUNTERS + SWUNG MEGA-CITY ONE THREE OF THE TERRITORIES.
TEXAS CITY WAS SOLID FOR BOOTH ANYWAY BUT WITHOUT MEGA-CITY ONE AND THE TERRITORIES DONNELLY WOULD HAVE STOMPED HOME
YES. SO HELP ME GOD YES.

2070 THE GREAT ATOM WAR HAS BEGUN LEAVING THE WORLD IN CHAOS IN MEGA-CITY ONE'S GRAND HALL OF JUSTICE SHOCKING TESTIMONY HAS COME TO LIGHT -
REPEAT YOUR STATEMENT FOR THE RECORD CITIZEN VANT
PRESIDENT BOOTH HAD THE VOTE COUNTERS TAMPERED WITH, IT SWUNG MEGA-CITY ONE AND THREE OF THE TERRITORIES IN BOOTH'S FAVOUR
WITHOUT THAT KYLE DONNELLY WOULD BE OUR PRESIDENT AND WE'D NEVER HAVE HAD THIS DAMNED WAR.
I WAS ONE MAN'S WORD BACKED ON HEARSAY. TO MAKE A CASE AGAINST THE PRESIDENT THEY NEEDED HARD EVIDENCE
THE FOUND IT IN A SAFE DEPOSIT BOX REGISTERED TO ARNOLD BENEDICT
IT IS A LOG OF A WHITE HOUSE SECURITY TAPE DATED TWO DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION, WE CAN ONLY ASSUME BENEDICT STOLE IT AWAY BEFORE HIS DEATH, AS INSURANCE
EAY MARZOLOS AS YOU KNOW, WAS BOOTH'S CAMPAIGN ORGANISER IN 68
FBI ELECTION POLLS ARE COMING IN SOLID FOR DONNELLY, UNLESS WE CAN TURN AROUND IN THE NEXT 24 HOURS WE PRESIDENT YOU WILL LOSE THIS ELECTION.
WHAT THE HELL ARE WE GONNA DO EAY?
I SUGGEST WE HAVE A WORD WITH BILL SURTEES AT ELNOR COMPUTECH. HE OWES US.
BILL SURTEES. ?

MAJOR SUPPLIED THE VOTING MACHINERY IN MOST OF THE TERRITORIES AS WELL AS MEGA-CITY ONE
YOU ALSO FIX THE VOTE? COULD WE DO IT SO SUBTEES WOULD NEVER GO ALONG WITH IT
YOU HELPED HIM SWEEP THE BLACKWATER SCANDAL UNDER THE CARPET. SIR, YOU CAN JUST AS EASILY SWEEP IT OUT AGAIN.
THAT WOULD BE BLACKMAIL, SIR!
POLITICS & A DIRTY BUSINESS. YOU'VE GOT TO ASK YOURSELF, "IS PRESIDENT WHAT'S BEST FOR AMERICA
I JUST NEED YOUR OK, SIR
JESUS, JESUS...
YOU, YOU NEVER HEARD IT FROM ME. YOU UNDERSTAND? I HAD NOTHING PERSONAL - TO DO WITH THIS. WHAT YOU DO, YOU DO ON YOUR OWN INITIATIVE.
UNDERSTOOD, SIR.
WE HAVE SO FAR FAILED TO LOCATE MARSHALS OR SUBTEES THE STATE THE COUNTRY - IN. WE MAY NEVER DO SO.
YOU NOTICE THE PRESIDENT DID NOT EXPRESSLY GIVE HIS CONSENT. THAT COULD BE A PROBLEM.
I DISAGREE. IN THIS CASE, LACK OF A CLEAR AND UNEQUIVOCAL REJECTION OF THE SUGGESTION IS TANTAMOUNT TO APPROVAL
THIS MAY BE AN UNPOPULAR VIEW, BUT AREN'T WE A DANGER OF SHOOTING OURSELVES IN THE FOOT?
WHAT'S DONE IS DONE. WHAT GOOD PURPOSE IS SERVED BY EXPOSING OUR PRESIDENT NOW? WHAT MESSAGE WOULD THAT SEND TO OUR ENEMIES?
THAT'S JUST THE KIND OF UNPRINCIPLED, MORALLY BANKRUPT SUGGESTION I'D EXPECT FROM YOU, JUDD
WE ARE JUDGES, DAMMIT. OUR FIRST DUTY TO THIS NATION... OUR WHOLE REASON FOR EXISTENCE IS TO UPHOLD THE LAW WHATEVER THE CONSEQUENCES
SOLOMON, PLEASE!
YOU'VE MADE YOUR CASE, I DON'T THINK THERE IS ANY DOUBT OUR CLEAR, BUT NOW IS TO CONFRONT THE PRESIDENT AND DEMAND HIS RESIGNATION.

BOOTH LAUGHED IN THEIR FACES. THE TAPE HE CLAIMED WAS A FORGERY. IN THAT CASE THE ONLY WAY TO REMOVE A PRESIDENT WAS IMPEACHMENT AND THAT WAS OUTSIDE THE JURISDICTION OF JUSTICE DEPARTMENT.
THAT'S RIDICULOUS. THE GUY WAS A CROOK!
RIDICULOUS, OR NOT IT WAS THE LAW. THEY WERE STILL BOUND BY IT, HOWEVER FLAWED.
NONE OF THEM HAD THE AUTHORITY, LEGAL OR MORAL TO STEP BEYOND IT. PERHAPS ONLY ONE MAN DID.
AT THE TIME RICO AND I HAD BEEN ASSIGNED TO CENTRAL SECTOR'S TWENTY-FOUR HOURS ON, FOUR HOURS OFF GRABBING WHAT LITTLE SLEEP WE COULD...
DREDD- RICO. UP AND AT 'EM.
COLLECT YOUR BIKES. GO TO THE MED RESEARCH FACILITY ON HOOVER. YOU KNOW IT?
YES, SIR.
WHAT'S UP?
NO QUESTIONS. REPORT TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER WHEN YOU GET THERE.
WH-?
THEY'RE GOING TO TAKE US OFF THE STREETS. WE'RE TOO YOUNG. I KNEW IT WAS COMING TOO GOOD TO LAST.
BUT WE'VE DONE ALL RIGHT. WE GOT A COMMENDATION, JUST THIS MORNING.
THEY'LL HAVE US CLEANING BED BOTTLES AND CLEANING UP AFTER BASKET CASES.
GUESS WE'VE GOTTA GO WHERE WE'RE NEEDED, RICO.

GOOD GRUD IS THIS THE BEST YOU CAN PRESENT YOURSELVES?
WE'VE BEEN WORKING HARD, SIR, NO NEW ISSUE AVAILABLE
YES I SUPPOSE THINGS ARE PRETTY DIFFICULT OUT THERE. CLEAN YOURSELVES UP IN THE RESTROOM, THEN, COME WITH ME.
TOLD YOU, PLAYING NURSEMAID
THE CLONES SIR. YOU WANTED TO SEE THEM.
FOR RICO...I HAVE HEARD A LOT ABOUT YOU.
JUDGE F--KERR!
S-BUT YOU'RE DEAD
DREDD
RICO

SO I AM TOLD. SOMETIMES IT SEEMS TO ME IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER.
BUT COME CLOSER. LET ME LOOK AT YOU.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND SIR. WE'VE BEEN TO YOUR TOMB.
THEN YOU'RE ONE UP ON ME JOHNNY.
YOU SEE, I DID SOMETHING I SHOULD SHOULD NOT HAVE DONE. AND IN DESPAIR I SHOT MYSELF WITH MY OWN GUN.
THEY THOUGHT IT WAS BETTER TO CONCEAL THE TRUTH. THEY WANTED A GLORIOUS DEATH FOR THE CAUSE. NOT A MOMENT OF HUMAN FRAILTY. WHAT TANGLED WEBS WE WEAVE.
SINCE THEN, THEY HAVE BEEN TRYING TO REPAIR ME. WHY I DO NOT KNOW.
SIR, THEY REQUIRE YOU AT THE GRAND HALL.
CAVLAN, SHOW DREDD AND RICO TO THE STREET ENTRANCE.
NO. LET THEM ACCOMPANY ME. WE'VE HAD SUCH A SHORT ACQUAINTANCE. WHO KNOWS HOW MUCH LONGER IS LEFT TO ME?
YOU CAN BE MY BODYGUARDS. I HAVE HEARD YOU HAVE ALREADY DISTINGUISHED YOURSELVES DESPITE YOUR YOUNG AGE.
THANK YOU SIR.
WE'RE HONOURED SIR.

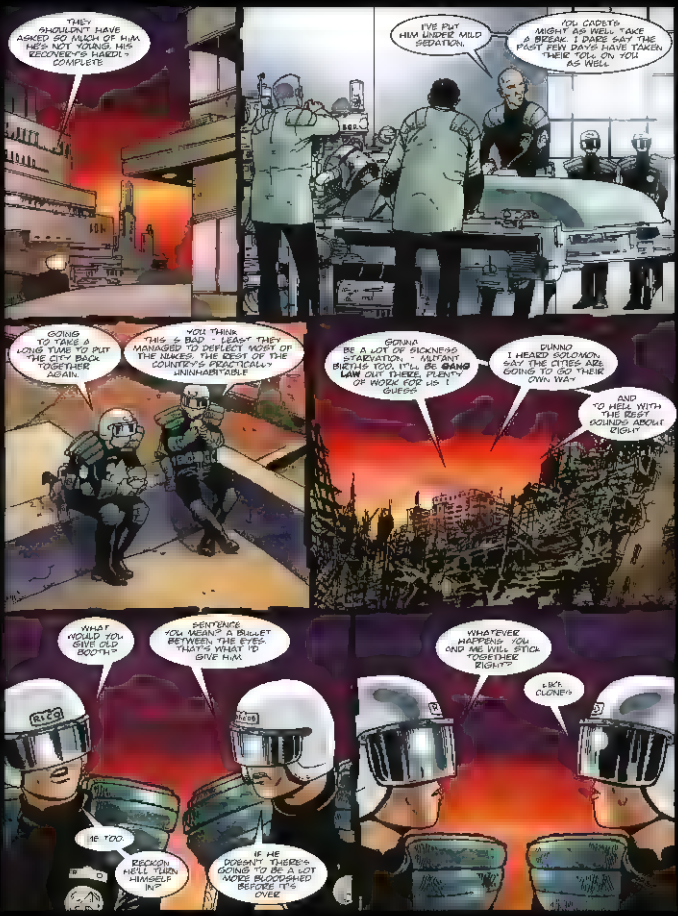
WHAT DO YOU WANT OF ME CLARENCE?
YOU KNOW THE SITUATION. FOR THE GOOD OF THIS NATION, THE PRESIDENT MUST GO AND GO NOW
HE INSISTS ON A FORMAL IMPEACHMENT AND WHILE THAT PROCESS GRINDS ITS WAY ALONG HE INTENDS TO USE THE TIME TO ABOLISH US.
WE BELIEVE HE WOULD LISTEN TO YOU, EUSTACE.
BUT I'M DEAD HOLDING.
MY EXISTENCE IS NOT GENERALLY KNOWN, I TAKE IT
ONLY BY A FEW INSIDERS AND THOSE SWORN TO SECRECY
THEN HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN MY ESCALATION WITHOUT DESTROYING OUR EDUCATION FOR ABSOLUTE PRIORITY? NO. I WILL NOT DO. WE MUST LET SLEEPING DOGS LIE
BUT TO LEAVE THIS MAN, THIS CRIMINAL, IN POWER WOULD BE A BETRAYAL OF EVERYTHING OUR NATION STANDS FOR! WE ARE HAMSTRUNG BY OUR OWN LAWS
THERE IS A WAY, A LAWFUL WAY BOOTH CAN BE REMOVED. BUT IT IS A PERILOUS STEP TO TAKE. IT COULD SPARK A CIVIL WAR AS BLOODY AS THE LAST. ARE YOU PREPARED FOR THAT?
I WOULD HOPE TO AVOID IT
IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE
I CAN ONLY ADVISE. IT MUST BE YOUR DECISION. BUT IF YOU ARE DETERMINED TO TURN 300 YEARS OF HISTORY ON IT'S HEAD THEN YOU MUST INVOKE THE OLDEST LAW OF ALL.

2070. THE GREAT 6TH WAR HAS BEGUN, LEAVING THE WORLD IN CHAOS. IN MEGA-CITY ONE -
IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776
The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America
WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS TO BE SELF-EVIDENT: THAT ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL, THAT THEY ARE ENDOWED WITH CERTAIN UNALIENABLE RIGHTS, THAT AMONG THESE ARE LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS.
THAT WHENEVER ANY FORM OF GOVERNMENT BECOMES DESTRUCTIVE OF THESE ENDS, IT IS THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE - IT IS THEIR DUTY - TO THROW OFF SUCH GOVERNMENT
I QUOTE THESE WORDS FROM THE DECLARATION SIGNED NEARLY THREE HUNDRED YEARS AGO. TODAY AMERICA, THE NATION OUR FOREFATHERS FOUGHT AND DIED FOR, LIES IN RUINS, DESTROYED BY THE CRIMINAL MACHINATIONS OF ONE MAN, PRESIDENT ROBERT L. BOOTH.
I HAVE ISSUED PRESIDENT BOOTH WITH AN ULTIMATUM - THAT HE RESIGN AND SURRENDER HIMSELF IMMEDIATELY FOR TRIAL. IN THE MEANTIME I DECLARE HIS TENURE TO BE AT AN END.
BE IT FURTHER NOTICED AND WITH YOUR CONSENT, THE GOVERNANCE OF MEGA-CITY ONE WILL BE ASSUMED BY JUSTICE DEPARTMENT.

I CALL ON THE MILITARY TO PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE NEW AUTHORITY. FURTHERMORE I HAVE INITIATED DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER WORLD POWERS TO BRING THIS DISASTROUS WAR TO A FAIR AND JUST CONCLUSION!
SUCH A DRASTIC STEP. I KEEP ASKING MYSELF HAVE WE DONE THE RIGHT THING?
IT STORY IS WRITTEN BY THE VICTORS, CLARENCE. FOR THE SAKE OF THE CITY THAT MUST BE US.
THE FOLLOWING FOOTAGE OF A PRIVATE WHITE HOUSE MEETING BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND CAMPAIGN ORGANISER RAYMOND MARSCOLES HAS BEEN RELEASED BY JUSTICE DEPARTMENT
UNLESS WE CAN TURN IT AROUND IN THE NEXT 24 HOURS MR PRESIDENT YOU WILL LOSE THIS ELECTION.
WHAT THE HELL ARE WE GONNA DO RAY?
FIX THE VOTES? COULD WE DO IT? NO... SURVEYS WOULD NEVER GO ALONG WITH IT
YOU HELPED HIM SWEEP THAT BLACKMAIL SCANDAL UNDER THE CARPET. SEE YOU CAN JUST AS EASILY SWEEP IT OUT AGAIN.
THAT WOULD BE BLACKMAIL RAY
WE MUST HOPE THE PUBLIC EXPOSURES WILL FORCE HIM OUT PEACEFULLY. IT IS THE ONLY WAY OF AVERTING TERRIBLE BLOODSHED
YOU... YOU NEVER HEARD IT FROM ME YOU UNDERSTAND? I HAD NOTHING PERSONALLY TO DO WITH THIS. WHAT YOU DO YOU DO ON YOUR OWN INITIATIVE
HE STOLE THE PRESIDENCY!
YOU TWISTED BASTARD BOOTH

I had nothing personally to do with this. What you do, you do on your own initiative.
Where did they get the I thought we'd wiped it all.
The recording was secretly duplicated and hidden away by White House special advisor Arnold Benedict who was found dead shortly before the outbreak of war.
He was murdered murdered on the orders of the president.
They have generators working again. This is going out to every home capable of receiving it.
How dare they how dare they!
Booth out!
Booth out!
Booth out!
Booth out!
Hanging's too good for you, Booth!
Let us through!
Bad boys gotta pay!
Boo!
Hold them back!

FRAKA-KA-KA
NO ONE PASSES!
DAMN THEM DAMNED IT - LET THEM DO THIS TO ME?
IF WE LOSE THE PEOPLE IT MAY BE HARD TO HOLD ON.
SIR PRESIDENT THIS JUST CAME IN.
ALIVE!? SURELY NOT
OH GAWD EUSTACE FARGO NEVER DIED! HE'S BEEN IN SUSPENDED ANIMATION. NOW THEY'VE REVIVED HIM. CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT GENERAL?
SOUNDS PRETTY FAR FETCHED TO KEEP SUCH INFORMATION SECRET FOR SO LONG IS WELL NIGH IMPOSSIBLE. BESIDES WHY WOULD THEY WANT TO? MAKES NO SENSE AT ALL
IT'S FROM OUR MAN IN JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SIR. HE'S NORMALLY VERY RELIABLE
IF ANYONE COULD CONCEAL SUCH A THING OUR TADPOLES COULD. AND IF IT IS TRUE THESE OWN CLAIMS WILL LOSE ALL CREDIBILITY
MOST OF THEM, SIR. YES.
GENERAL YOU CAN STILL RELY ON YOUR TROOPS!
ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, THEY'RE KEEPING HIM AT A RESEARCH FACILITY IN SECTOR 2. IF HE IS THERE BRING HIM TO ME ALIVE


THEY SHOULDN'T HAVE ASKED SO MUCH OF HIM. HE'S NOT YOUNG. HIS RECOVERY'S HARDLY COMPLETE.
I'VE PUT HIM UNDER MILD SEDATION.
YOU CADETS MIGHT AS WELL TAKE A BREAK. I DARE SAY THE PAST FEW DAYS HAVE TAKEN THEIR TOLL ON YOU AS WELL
GOING TO TAKE A LONG TIME TO PUT THE CITY BACK TOGETHER AGAIN.
YOU THINK THIS IS BAD - LEAST THEY MANAGED TO DEFLECT MOST OF THE NUKES. THE REST OF THE COUNTRY'S PRACTICALLY UNINHABITABLE
GONNA BE A LOT OF SICKNESS, STARVATION, MUTANT BIRTHS TOO. IT'LL BE GANG LAW OUT THERE. PLENTY OF WORK FOR US I GUESS.
DUNNO. I HEARD SOLOMON SAY THE CITIES ARE GOING TO GO THEIR OWN WAY.
AND TO HELL WITH THE REST SOUNDS ABOUT RIGHT.
WHAT WOULD YOU GIVE OLD BOOTH?
SENTENCE. YOU MEAN? A BULLET BETWEEN THE EYES. THAT'S WHAT I'D GIVE HIM.
ME TOO.
RECKON HE'LL TURN HIMSELF IN?
IF HE DOESN'T THERE'S GOING TO BE A LOT MORE BLOODSHED BEFORE IT'S OVER.
WHATEVER HAPPENS YOU AND ME WILL STICK TOGETHER RIGHT?
LIKE CLONES?

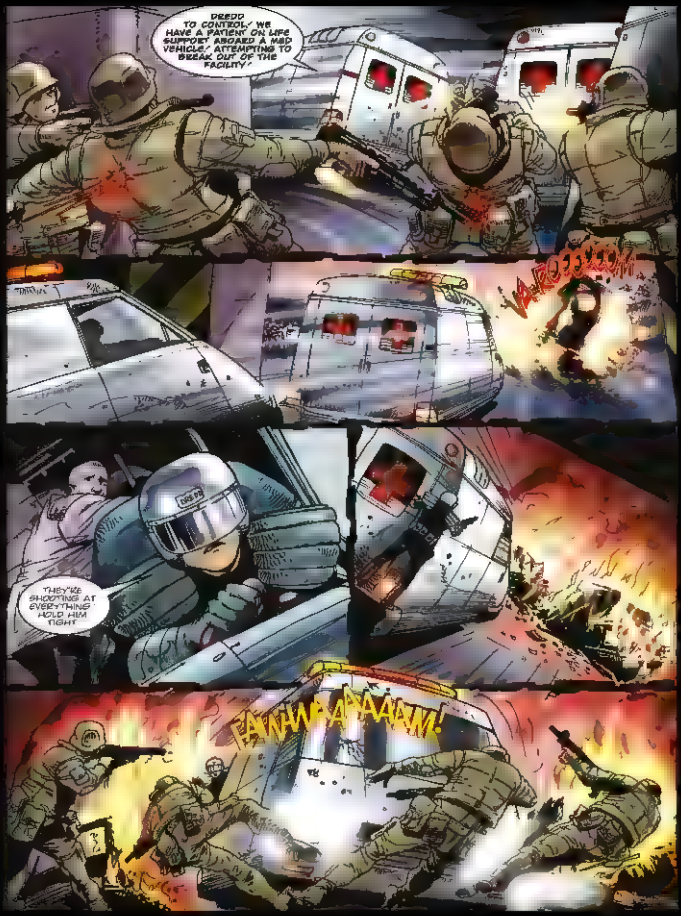
DEOKK!
MOVE IT JOE
DREDD TO CONTROL! SOLDIERS ARE ATTACKING THE MED FACILITY! HUNDREDS OF THEM!

HOLDIERS ARE COMING FOR JUDGE FARGO! WE'VE GOT TO GET HIM OUT!
WE DON'T HAVE ANY INSTRUCTIONS!
THESE ARE YOUR INSTRUCTIONS!
BDAM!
KEEP MOVING JOE
BDAM!
THEY'VE CUT THE GENERATOR WE'RE TRAPPED
LAY DOWN DETERRENT FIRE!
ARMOUR PIERCING
BDAM!
BDAM!
GET BACK
AHHHHH!
WHATRE YOU DOING JOE?
THEY'LL BLOW THE EL OPEN! WE'RE SITTING TARGETS GOT TO GET T MOVING

I MANAGE GET
SECURE JUDGE FARGO
CLANG
WE AIN'T EVEN SURE THAT'S HIM BARGE!
WE'LL FIND OUT TWO SECONDS
FA-WOOOOM
KA-BOOOOOOM
X- YOU'RE CRAZY. WE'RE ALL GOING TO DIE

PNEUMATIC BRAKE. SAFETY FEATURE - MANDATORY ON NEW BUILDS SINCE '06. FIGURED THEY'D HAVE PUT 'EM IN.
KEEP IT DOWN. GIVE ME A HAND JOE...
WH-WH-WHAT HAPPENED?
WHO GOES THERE?"
IT'S THE BASEMENT GARAGE
ANY SUGGESTIONS?
THE OTHER AMBULANCES - WE CAN USE THEM AS COVER
BAMBAM BDAM!

BDAM!
BDAM!
BDAM!
GOTCHA! YOU GO. I'LL HOLD 'EM!
114 TOFFLER WAY GO!
114 TOFFLER WAY. COMPLYING.
MARS BUILDING GO!
MARS BUILDING. COMPLYING
BDAM!
NGGG
WATCH THAT AMBULANCE
BRRRAAAAAA!
BGGG
EGG JUMP!


DREDD TO CONTROL. WE HAVE A PATIENT ON LIFE SUPPORT ABOARD A MED VEHICLE ATTEMPTING TO BREAK OUT OF THE FACILITY.
KA-BOOOOOM
THEY'RE SHOOTING AT EVERYTHING! HOLD HIM TIGHT!
FAHWHAAAAAM!

GUNSHIPS PICKED US UP. IT WAS ALL FOR NOTHING
BUT JUSTICE DEPARTMENT ARMOUR MAKES A TIMELY APPEARANCE
KA-WOOM
KA-WOOM
KA-WOOM

BOOTH'S ELECTION RIGGING WENT A LONG WAY TOWARDS DEMORALISING THE MILITARY. THOUSANDS SURRENDERED AS WE TIGHTENED THE NET ON WASHINGTON.
AROUND THE WHITE HOUSE THE FIGHTING WAS BLOODY
GOODMAN HAD SPENT YEARS BUILDING UP JUSTICE DEPARTMENT'S FORCES. IT WAS JUST AS WELL. IF WE LOST THIS BATTLE - IT WOULD HAVE BEEN THE END OF JUSTICE DEPARTMENT
IZUO AND I WERE AMONG THOSE CHOSEN TO TAKE PART IN THE FINAL ASSAULT -
GO!

TAKE THE WHITE HOUSE!

IT WAS A FEARFUL STEP WE HAD TAKEN. BUT I AGREED WITH IT THEN, AND I AGREE WITH IT NOW. WITHOUT THE RULE OF LAW WE ARE NOTHING.
'NO ONE' MAY HOLD THEMSELVES ABOVE IT NOT THE ORDINARY CITIZEN NOT THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.
IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR THE PRESIDENT YOU'VE MISSED HIM. HE LEFT AN HOUR AGO ON A HOVERFIGHTER. HE'LL BE HALFWAY TO THE ROCKIES BY NOW.
MEGA CITY ONE WAS IN CHAOS LOOTING LAWLESSNESS ELEMENTS OF THE MILITARY STILL RUNNING AMOK. A CURFEW WAS ENFORCED A SHOOT TO KILL POLICY FOR MINOR OFFENCES HARSH BUT NECESSARY
CONGRESS AND THE SENATE WERE SUSPENDED. THEY'D DONE NOTHING TO CURB BOOTHS EXCESSES. THEY'D SHOWN, THEMSELVES TO BE TOOTHLESS AND IRRELEVANT
THE IRON GRIP OF JUSTICE CLOSED ON THE CITY. A GRIP WE MAINTAIN TO THIS DAY.
BOOTH HAD HIS MILITARY STRONGHOLD IN THE WEST AROUND THE BIG BASES. HE WASN'T RECAPTURED UNTIL THE NEXT YEAR.
YOU ALL KNOW WHAT HAPPENED. THEY COULDN'T FIND IT IN THEIR HEARTS TO EXECUTE THE LAST PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.
YOU ALL RIGHT THERE LOGAN?
YEAH, YES. JUST A LITTLE HOT.
I WAS SOLOMON WHO CAME UP WITH THE FORMULA. LET POSTERITY DECIDE.
WE SENTENCE YOU TO ONE HUNDRED YEARS SUSPENDED ANIMATION.
YOU WILL BE TAKEN FROM HERE TO PORT UNION AND THERE YOUR BODY STORED AND FROZEN IN THE DEEPEST VAULT.
OOAH!

REQUIRE URGENT MED-EVAC REPEAT URGENT MED-EVAC!
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME ABOUT THAT ARM, LOGAN?
I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO SEND ME BACK
YOU'RE A DAMNED FOOL. IT'S POISONED AND IT'S SPREADING. IF COIN DOESN'T TAKE IT OFF NOW YOU'RE GOING TO DIE
GUESS... GUESS I'VE GOT TO DO WHAT YOU'VE GOT TO DO...
THOUGHT I WOULD BE THE ONE THAT LET ME DOWN. FUNNY OLD WORLD
STORMS PLAYED THEIR OUT
NOTHING BUT STATIC. I'VE TRIED PLOTTING A REMOTE UP ABOVE THE FIRESTORM, SAME RESULT
HE'S AGAIN
WHUP WHUPP
THOUGHT IT WAS CLEAN, BUT THESE CURSED EARTH BACTERIA ARE HELL TO GET ON TOP OF
HE'S SEDATED NOW. I'VE PACKED THE WOUND WITH ANTIBIOTIC GEL. FEVER'S DROPPING ALREADY. I THINK HE'LL GOT A GOOD CHANCE
HE'S TOUGHER THAN HE LOOKS
UP

OH GREAT
WE MUST
WHERE?
THAT'S A MISSILE!
WHO THE HELL
THERE'S SOMETHING FLASHING OVER THERE
THEY'RE MAKING THE RECOGNITION SIGNAL. THEY WANT US TO FOLLOW THEM.
SIGNAL BACK. WE HAVE A SICK MAN. WE DON'T LEAVE TILL HE'S FIT TO TRAVEL.
GIRZON. PASS ME THOSE NIGHT SIGHTS

THEY'RE NOT PLAYING THE GAME, TB!
THEM DAWN. WE LEAVE AT
WOWO. THAT'S FAIR.
DROKK IT. CAN'T BE!
WHAT'S IT?
SNAP, CRACKLE AND POP —
ROBERT L. BOOTH'S NURSEMAIDS!

AFTER THE WAR RICO AND I WERE SENT BACK TO THE ACADEMY
FARGO CONTINUED TO ADVISE, BUT REMAINED IN THE BACKGROUND. HIS PRESENCE KNOWN ONLY TO A FEW.
THE STRAW ON HIM HAD BEEN HEAVY. THE CLASH WITH JUDD SEEMED TO MARK THE REAL TURNING POINT.
VISION. OF THIS CITY UNDER TOTAL ONE HUNDRED PER CENT JUDICIAL CONTROL. A DOCILE OBEDIENT POPULATION.
THE ANSWER IS GENETIC MANIPULATION. IF JUDGES CAN BE CLONED. WHY NOT THE CITIZENS?
IN THESE DAYS OF HARSH LAWS AND STRICT CONTROLS IT IS ALL TOO EASY TO PLAY GOD. WE MUST NEVER FORGET THAT OUR PRIME DUTY IS TO SERVE. OUR JOB IS TO POLICE THE CITIZENS. WE HAVE NOT CREATE THE CITIZENS. WE WOULD LIKE
I MUST EXERCISE MY VETO.
YOUR DAY IS DONE, FARGO IT'S TIME FOR NEW IDEAS ... A NEW LEADER
BOOM BOOM
A DUMMY
FROM THE DAY OF JUDD'S ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT, FARGO'S WILL TO GO ON SEEMED TO SLIP AWAY. HIS BODY WAS FAILING, HIS MIND WAS SHOWING INCREASING SIGNS OF REGRESSION ... MEMORY LAPSES, CONFUSION.
'I SAW HIM ONLY ONE MORE TIME. RICO AND I WERE CALLED TO THE GRAND HALL.
HOW ARE YOU SIR?

IT'S DREDD AND ECCO YOUR CLONES SIR.
YOU SENT FOR US SIR.
YES DREDD AND ECCO I DID I'M SORRY I FORGET SO EASILY NOW
WANTED TO SAY GOODBYE.
THEY'RE GOING TO PUT ME BACK INTO SUSPENDED ANIMATION. THEY'VE GOT SOME FOOL IDEA THAT SOMEDAY THEY CAN PUT MY MY ESSENCE IN ANOTHER BODY.
I TOLD THEM WE'VE ALREADY GOT THAT...RIGHT HERE TOE AND ECCO
WE WON'T LET YOU DOWN.
IF WE COULD DO HALF AS WELL AS YOU SIR WE'D BE HONOURED.
HALF NO, HALF'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH. YOU MUST YOU MUST DO BETTER WHAT HAVE I ACHIEVED? WHAT HAVE I DONE?
YOU CREATED OUR SYSTEM OF JUSTICE SIR, NO ONE COULD DO MORE.
YOU RESTORED ORDER. YOU GAVE THE PEOPLE RESPECT FOR THE LAW
ORDER? RESPECT? YES, I GAVE THEM THAT. I MADE THEM FEAR ME.
BUT ARE THEY HAPPY? I ASK MYSELF ARE THEY HAPPY?
HAPPY'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH IT SIR. IT'S NOT OUR JOB TO MAKE THEM HAPPY
IT'S ALL ABOUT CONTROL SIR. YOU SAID THAT YOURSELF. LET THEM GET BIG IDEAS ABOUT THEMSELVES AND WE'RE BACK TO SQUARE ONE
LIFE LIBERTY THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS. THEY WERE PROMISED THAT TOO
PURSUIT SIR, NEVER SAID ANYTHING ABOUT FINDING IT
THEY GOT LIFE AND LIBERTY LONG AS THEY STAY LEGAL. THEY BREAK THE LAW WE COME DOWN ON THEM HARD. THAT'S THE WAY IT WORKS SIR
YES. YES. THEY'VE TAUGHT YOU WELL.

THREE WEEKS AFTER FARGO WAS PUT IN SUSPENDED ANIMATION THEY OPENED THE TANK FOR A ROUTINE CHECK AND FOUND ANOTHER BODY HAD BEEN SUBSTITUTED
"MISSING" "SOMEONE TOOK HIM?
IT WAS NEVER ADMITTED TOO EMBARRASSING. IT HAD TO BE AN INSIDE JOB.
AT THE TIME TWO JUDGE WIDES DISAPPEARED MADLICOTT AND SHELVE SUSPECTED OF SYMPATHIES WITH JUDD AND HIS CLONING PROGRAMME
NEITHER THEY NOR THE BODY WERE EVER RECOVERED
NOR DID I COME ACROSS IT WHEN I FOUND JUDD'S BASE."
NONE OF THE JUDDA CLONES WE INTERROGATED HAD ANY KNOWLEDGE OF IT. FARGO HAD BEEN THERE SURELY THEY WOULD HAVE KNOWN.
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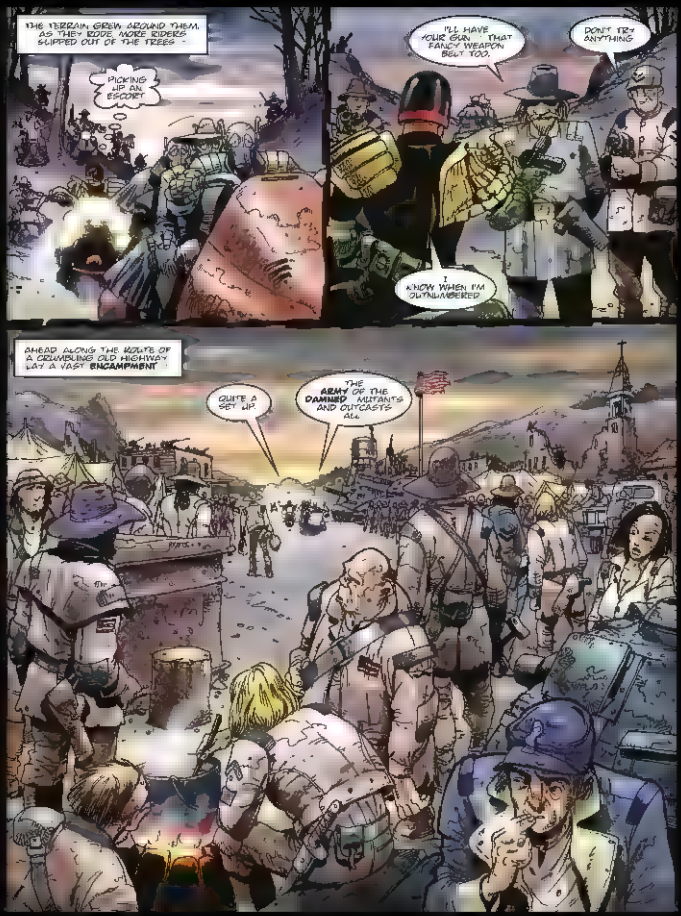
WAIT A MINUTE. HE WAS IN SUSPENDED ANIMATION, RIGHT?
UNTIL HIS REMOVAL I CAN'T VOUCH FOR WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THAT
BUT THEORETICALLY IF WHOEVER TOOK HIM MAINTAINED HIM IN CRYOGENIC SUSPENSION HE COULD STILL BE ALIVE
YES. IN FACT THE EVIDENCE WE HAVE WOULD SEEM TO SUPPORT THE THEORY
"ALIVE" AFTER ALL THIS TIME?
NO WONDER THE WEEB SO KEEN TO BRING HIM BACK
THE EDIBOTS ARE APPROACHING
THOSE UNIFORMS THAT'S SOUTHERN DIVISION OF THE NEW MUTANT ARMY

LEFT THOSE THREE ON A FARM WITH EX FREEDOMS BOOTH RE-SENTENCED TO HARD LABOUR FOR LIFE. HOW THEY GOT TIED UP WITH THE NWA BEATS ME
THE NEW MUTANT ARMY SO THAT'S WHO WE'RE UP AGAINST
THEY'RE RECRUITING ROBOTS NOW?
WE'VE MET BEFORE. YOU WERE MED DEDDS, CHARGED WITH TENDING TO ROBERT L. BOOTH.
ROBERT L BOOTH. I DON'T THINK I KNOW ANYONE OF
THAT NAME. SO LET'S CUT THE SMALL TALK
SHALL WE? SHOW US THE MONEY
*THIS SCENE WILL BE CUTSCENE EARTH FACES 7-8 PROG: 07-08
THEY MUST'VE BEEN CAPTURED AND REPROGRAMMED
THIS LOOKS LIKE MONEY BUT I
MUST TAKE IT ALL AWAY FOR CHECKING. YOU WAIT HERE
AND I'LL BE BACK IN A WEEK OR SO
THE MONEY SAYS HERE. YOU TAKE ME TO FARGO ONCE I'M SURE YOU'VE GOT THE BODY. THEN WE'LL ARRANGE THE TRADE.
TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT
OH DEAR. I THOUGHT HE
MIGHT BE
DIFFICULT
EH? WELL I AGREED. BUT NO
TRICKS OR I MIGHT HAVE TO GET
RUDE WITH YOU.
YOU COULD BE RIDING INTO A TRAP
THEN I'LL BE DOWN TO YOU TO GET ME OUT WATERS.
LET US GET OUT OF SIGHT THEN FOLLOW AT A DISTANCE


THE TERRAIN GREW AROUND THEM. AS THEY RODE MORE RIDERS SLIPPED OUT OF THE TREES -
PICKING UP AN ESCORT
I'LL HAVE YOUR GUN. THAT FANCY WEAPON, BELT TOO.
DON'T TRY ANYTHING
I KNOW WHEN I'M OUTNUMBERED
AHEAD ALONG THE MOUTH OF A CRUMBLING OLD HIGHWAY LAY A VAST ENCAMPMENT
QUITE A SET UP.
THE ARMY OF THE DAMNED MUTANTS AND OUTCASTS ALL

THE JUDGES HAVE BUT NOT FOR MUCH LONGER BOY! THANKS TO LINUS, TIME IS COMIN' FOR US TO RISE UP AND TAKE WHAT'S OURS... AND YOUR MONEY'S GONNA PAY FOR IT
LINUS YES... IT ALL BECOMES CLEAR NOW.
SMART GUY WERE REFUSED TO HAND OVER THE MONEY SIR, HE WANTS TO PARLAY
THE JUDGES LIKE TO TALK USUALLY JUST SO THEY CAN GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO STAB YOU IN THE BACK
YOU SAID YOU DIDN'T KNOW HIM!
I LIED
OH DEAR.
BLAH MY FINGERS SORE
ROBERT LINUS BOOTH I SHOULD HAVE SUSPECTED YOUR GLORY HAND IN THIS!
I WAS LOST DREDD CAST DOWN BY THOSE NOT FIT TO LICK MY BOOTS THEN YOU CAME ALONG AND FREED ME
FREED ME TO RISE AGAIN. TO BUILD THIS HALF-BAKED ARMY INTO A FORCE STRONG ENOUGH TO CLAIM MY RIGHTFUL PLACE
KNOW THIS THE ACTIONS OF THE JUDGES WERE UNLAWFUL I ROBERT L. BOOTH AM STILL THE LEGAL PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
AND I MEAN TO TAKE BACK WHAT'S MINE TO TAKE BACK AMERICA
GS

THEY SAY THE DREAM ALWAYS LIVES TO THE TOP!
I HEARD IT WAS SCUM.
THWACK!
THWUMP!
NOBODY TALKS TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES LIKE THAT
DON'T HOLD BACK MEN.
CALL THIS AN ARMY? I'VE SEEN THIRD-YEAR CADETS PUT UP A BETTER FIGHT!
SPANK!
GODDAM! HE'D GOT SOME BALLS!
FIX BAYONETS! SKIRMISH!
HE BROUGHT A SAMPLE OF THE GOOD MR PRESIDENT
FAGG IT. ON TO THE MEN. THEY'RE OVERDUE SOME WAGES, THEN ORGANISE A PARTY TO PICK UP THE BEER
TAKE PLENTY OF PRISONER. THOSE JUDGES WON'T BE EAGER TO HAND IT OVER

WE COULD TAKE THEM!
AND WE COULD DO WHAT WE'RE HERE FOR. SHUT UP AND KEEP DOWN.
YOU JUDGES MAKE ME LAUGH! YOU TAKE YOURSELVES SO SERIOUSLY
SO I SENT A FEW RULES TO THE WORLD INTO WAR! SO WHAT?
YOU THINK I DIDN'T HAVE IT PLANNED? YOU THINK AMERICA WOULDN'T HAVE GOT OF SMELLING OF ROSES?
BUT OH NO! THEY COME STOMPING IN THERE WITH THEIR JACKBOOTS AND THEIR SANCTIMONIOUS BULLSHINE.
AND THAT SENTENCE 100 YEARS IS SUSPENDED ANIMATION. WAS THAT SUPPOSED TO BE SOME TERRIBLE PUNISHMENT?
AND IF THAT'S NOT DUMB ENOUGH, YOU COME ALONG AND RELEASE ME INTO THE CARE OF A BUNCH OF HICKASS HILLBILLIES!
ARE YOU GUYS LIVING IN FAIRYLAND?
THE PRESIDENT IS
SPEAKING TO YOU
THONK
HEY!

HOW DID I GO... " I CHANGE YOUR SENTENCE TO LIFE BECAUSE THAT'S A WHOLE LOT TOUGHER.' AND EVERY DAY YOU'LL WOOK, BRINGING LIFE BACK TO THE CURSED EARTH."
I'M SUPPOSED TO TAKE THAT SERIOUSLY?
HOW LONG DO YOU THINK BELIZE I HAD THOSE HICKABILLIES WORKING FOR ME? I WAS THE MOST POWERFUL MAN ON EARTH FOR CHRISTS SAKE. YOU THINK I DON'T KNOW HOW TO GET THE BEITER OF A BUNCH OF COINPONES?
WHERE'S FAERO? YOU'VE GOT HIM, HAVEN'T YOU? THE TESTS DIDN'T LIE
HOW MANY DO YOU RECKON FIVE THOUSAND?
I'M OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS.
AND WE GOT SIX, SIX AND A HALF, IF YOU COUNT LOGAN. WHAT'S THE PLAN?
HO-LYYYY-
THWAPPP!
BAP

THE SNATCH PARTY ENDS THE RANSOM UNATTENDED
RECKON THEY JUST RUN FOR IT
AN' LEFT ALL THIS CASH? GOTTA BE SOME HITCH
GEMME!
GET YER GODDAMN HANDS OFF THOSE BERRY MONEY
AH HELL WHAT THE PRESIDENT DON'T SEE THE PRESIDENT AIN'T GONNA COMPLAIN ABOUT
DAMN RIGHT MAJOR
HEY SARGE THERE'S A COUPLA NAKED WOMEN UP THERE
WHADDYA MEAN NEKKID WIMMENS
REAL NICE LOOKERS TOO SUST CAVORTIN' ABOUT WHAT DO YOU WANT US TO DO WITH THEM?
HELL SONNY IF YOU DON'T KNOW GUESS IT'S MY DUTY TO KNOW YOU
I WANNA PIECE O' THEM WUMMEN TOO SARGE!
GODDAMN IT SHUT YOUR MUTIE MOUTH YOU WANT THE WHOLE CAMP TA KNOW?
OZMAN TAKE SANCHEZ AND CURZON ETC TO FIND THE MUNITIONS STORE RENGA AND COHN WILL COME WITH ME
WHAT ABOUT ME WATERS?
CAN'T RISK YOU LOGAN STAY HERE WATCH THE RACE

THIS IS WHAT YOU CAME FOR?
I HEARD ABOUT HIM YEARS AGO. THE JUDGES WHO FELL TO EARTH. I THOUGHT IT WAS JUST A MYTH, LIKE SLEEPING BEAUTY. YOU KNOW HOW SUPERSTITIOUS MUTIES ARE.
THEN A WHILE BACK WE PICKED UP A WALLOONEY LIVE IN CAVES UP ON WALTON MOUNTAIN.
HE WAS WEEPIN' AN' WAILIN' AND PRAYIN' FOR HELP TO SOME GOD JUDGE. WELL I HAD TO INVESTIGATE.
HAVE TO INTERRUPT YOUR LITTLE PRAYER MEETING FOLKS!

NO! JUDGE BILLY FARGO HIMSELF LYING THERE IN HIS CRYO-CAPSULE AN' THEM WORSHIPPING HIM.
I'D HAD A REPORT HE WAS STILL ALIVE JUST AFTER THE WAR. BUT I WAS NEVER VERIFIED. HERE WAS THE LIVING PROOF I COULD HARDLY CREDIT MY LUCK.
THE MUTANTS WOULDN'T HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE TO MAINTAIN THE MACHINE.
IT WAS A STATE-OF-THE-ART CAPSULE. AUTOMATED. I DID EVERYTHING NOT LIKE THAT RUSTY TANK YOU PUT ME IN, WITH MY DOT ROBOT KEEPERS.
I SAY
THAT'S A BIG
HARSH
SO MEDICOTY AND WHELVE MUST HAVE COME THIS WAY WHEN THEY FLED THE CITY. SOMETHING MUST HAVE GONE WRONG
FIRE'S REACHING THE FUEL TANKS. IT'S GOING TO BLOW!
EJECT THE CARGO. WE CAN AT LEAST SAVE HIM!
ALL RIGHT BOOTH, I'M SATISFIED. ALL THAT REMAINS IS TO ORGANISE THE HANDOVER.
THERE YOU GO AGAIN, OFF ON YOUR WILD FLIGHTS OF FANTASY. THERE ISN'T GOING TO BE ANY HANDOVER. I GOT HIM. I'VE GOT YOU AND I HAVE THE MONEY. TOO
NOW IF YOU WILL KINDLY ACCOMPANY ME TO THE COURTHOUSE WE'LL SEE JUSTICE DONE PROPERLY FOR ONCE. THE CHARGE IS TREASON
MEANWHILE
WE'VE FOUND THE MUNITIONS STORE, WATERS. WHAT INSTRUCTIONS?

THE MAJOR'S COMIN' IN WITH THE RANSOM!
WHEE-OOO WE'RE RICH
THE JUDGES GIVE YOU ANY TROUBLE?
THEY WASN'T THERE MR PRESIDENT SIR. FIGURE THEY GOT SCARED UPPED AND RAN FOR IT!
RAN FOR IT?
THE JUDGES ARE GUILTY OF MANY THINGS MAJOR BUT I'D NEVER ACCUSE THEM OF BEING SHY OF A FIGHT. THEY'RE UP TO SOMETHING!
KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED DOUBLE THE SENTRIES
YES, SIR!
AND SEE THAT THE MONEY'S SECURED IN THE ARMOURY
THEY'RE TAKING DREDD INTO THE OLD COURTHOUSE
UMMM, THEY'RE REMOVING THE MONEY TO THE ARMOURY. WE'VE FOUND DREDD, HOW LONG BEFORE YOU CAN GIVE US A DIVERSION?
GIVE US FIVE
HERE COMES THE PORTER
LET THEM MAKE THEIR DEPOSIT THEN WE MOVE

JUDGE DREDD IT'S ONLY RIGHT I SHOULD GIVE YOU YOUR DAY IN COURT. A DAY YOU DENIED ME
YOU ARE CHARGED WITH CRIMES AGAINST THE LAWFUL PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. HOW DO YOU PLEAD?
I DON'T ANSWER TO YOU, BOOTH. YOU'RE A DANGEROUS LUNATIC. I SHOULD HAVE IMPOSED THE DEATH SENTENCE WHEN I HAD THE CHANCE
SILENCE IN COURT
LET THE RECORD SHOW THE DEFENDANT IS
GUILTY AS SIN.
RAP!
RAP!
RAP!
HOT DAMN! MY MONEY JUST CAUGHT FIRE
TH-THERE GOES MINE
THE NOTES ARE STARTING TO COMBUST
GOOD ALL ADDS TO THE CONFUSION
SE THE CAMP ARMOURY
YOU LYIN' DOG EJINBA!
WHOAH!
SPAK!
DO YOUR FIGHTIN' SOMEWHERE ELSE HERE!
OPEN UP NOW
WHAT THE HELL?
BLAM!
BLAM!

YOU'RE GOING TO KILL ME ANYWAY BOOTH, I SUGGEST YOU STOP THIS FARCE AND GET ON WITH IT
THEY CALLED DEMOCRACY A FAILED EXPERIMENT. THESE THE JUDGES WHO ESPOUSED UP THE CONSTITUTION, THE CRIMINALS WHO STOLE AMERICA
GENTLEMEN, OF THE JURY, THERE CAN BE NO MORE HEINOUS CRIME, AS THE EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, I ASK FOR I DEMAND THE ULTIMATE SANCTION ON THIS MAN
I'LL HOLD HIM HERE, GET MOVING!
LOOK AT THAT THE MONEY IT'S SMOKIN'!
AAHHHHH
H-HOLY HELL, WE GOTTA GET OUTA HERE
RUN, IT'S ALL GONNA BLOW!

THE CHEMICAL DATING'S REACTING ALREADY! IT'S TOO QUICK.
FORGET THE CHARGES! GET IN THE FORTE!
O.MAN CHANGE OF PLAN. LET'S GO!
THE MONEY'S CAUGHT LIGHT, GOING TO HIT THE MUNITIONS ANY TIME
GUN IT, CURZON!
IT'S SUPPOSED TO TAKE AN HOUR'S CONTACT WITH THE AIR.
GUESS IT'S NOT AN EXACT SCIENCE! WHAT EVER! DAY THEY'RE BOOBY TRAP A BILLION CREDS!
BOOM
BOOM
WATERS! EXPECT DIVERSION ANY SECOND!

VAROOOOOM
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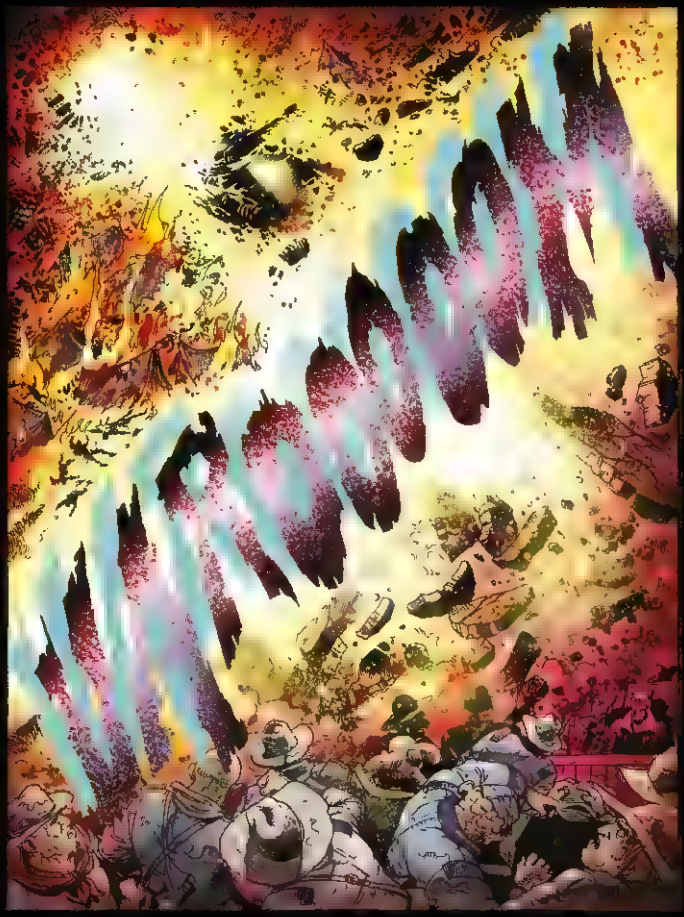
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GRUD, SOME DIVERSION!
OZMAN, REPORT STATUS!
BRUISED BUT STILL OPERATIONAL! ALL PERSONNEL INTACT!
WE'RE WEDGED IN! HOLD TIGHT! ENTERING TWILIGHT!

YOU TOOK YOUR DAMNED TIME KENGA
SORRY. YOU'D SAY THAT
WATCH IT!
THIS COURT IS ADJOURNED
WHILE I
DEAL WITH THE DEFENDANT
BOOM
BOOM
HI-EX.!
OH DEAR I'M LOSING POWER
THEY LIVED!
SEEYEEEEEEE
UNHAND ME, DAMN YOU! I'M THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES!
YOU CAN'T KEEP A BAD MAN DOWN. BRING HIM LETS GO GET RANGO
GROD. IT'S HIM IT'S ROBERT L. BOOTH!
THOUGHT YOU SENTENCED HIM TO LIFE ON A WORK FARM

"HUNH? THEY'RE KIDNAPPING YOUR PRESIDENT"
SHUT HIM UP
HERE COMES THE PORTER
IT'S FARGO. ALL RIGHT
GET THE CAPSULE INTO THE PORTER!
IS HE STILL ALIVE?
HARD TO SAY TILL WE BRING HIM OUT. IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME... AND WHO KNOWS WHAT THE CAPSULE'S BEEN SUBJECTED TO
YOU IN THERE... YOU JUDGES! WE GOT YOU PINNED IN. GIVE YOURSELVES UP/ HAND OVER THE PRESIDENT
DOESN'T LOOK PROMISING
THE LONGER WE LEAVE T THE MORE DESPERATE THEY GET. IT'S GOT TO BE NOW
GET SOME STRAPS FROM THE PORTER/ WE'LL SEE HOW MUCH THEY LOVE THEIR PRESIDENT

DON'T SHOOT! WE'RE COMING OUT!
A HUMAN SHIELD
WH- WHAT'RE WE GOING TO DO MAJOR?
CAN'T RISK HITTIN THE PRESSIDENT BOY!
LET 'EM GET AWAY
CAN'T LET 'EM GET AWAY NEITHER. MAJOR NOT AFTER WHAT THEY DONE
HELL HE WASN'T MUCH OF A PRESIDENT ANYWAYS! JUST ANOTHER BIG-MOUTH NORM WITH FANCY IDEAS
AIN'T PAID UP IN SEVEN MONTHS! AN' WHEN HE DOES IT'S BEEING UP IN OUR HANDS
WHO GIVES A DOUBLE-DAMN ABOUT THE 'YOO-NITED STATES' AND HIS STINKIN' 'DESTINY' ANYWAYS?
YOU GOT A POINT THERE ANYWAY. WE WANT ANOTHER PRESIDENT WE CAN ALWAYS ELECT. ONE. THAT'S DEMOCRACY AIN'T IT?
GIVE IT SOME JUICE!
LET 'EM HAVE IT!
BLOOOOOD

BAK BAK BAK BAK BAK
FAKKKKKKKKKKOM
FAKKKOOM
PANGGG
THIS CAN'T BE GOOD FOR HIM
IT'S NOT THAT WONDERFUL FOR US!

THE PORTERS ARMOURED, BUT THERE'S ONLY SO MUCH IT'LL TAKE
ALL UNITS, FIRE AT WILL!
FA-BOOM
FA-BOOM
TO LOGAN WITH THE RIKES
TRY THE ENGINE CURZON
WE'RE STILL OPERATIONAL
LOGAN'S HIT!

DREDD AND HIS CREW FIGHT THEIR WAY OUT OF ROBERT A. BOOTH'S MUTANT ARMY CAMP
AAWIISEE
LOGAN'S TAKEN A LOAD OF SHRAPNEL! GET A TOURNIQUET ON THAT LEG!
LET'S GET GOING BEFORE THEY REGROUP.
RIDE!
FARGO ... YOU BOUND HIM, IS HE... ALIVE...?
MORE ALIVE THAN YOU BY THE LOOK OF IT
IT'S...JUST A KNOCK YOU START WITH A BAM-HIP AND SORT A SOFT'A WORK AROUND.
HEH! LOGAN, YOU'RE A FREAKIN' MESS! HOW DO YOU MANAGE IT?

SOME DISTANCE ON
THERE'S THE SHIP
HOW DID YOU FIND US?
JUST FOLLOWED THE SMOKE
FIGURED IF IT LOOKED LIKE A WARZONE IT HAD TO BE YOU
SHRAKADAKAK!!
HOL' NOZE
TH' GOT REINFORCEMENTS GET OUTA HERE
SO MUCH FOR THE SOUTHERN DIVISION. GOT THEIR FINGERS BADLY BURNED I'D SAY
HAPPENED TO EVERYONE WHO GOT INVOLVED WITH ROBERT L. BOOTH, WHY SHOULD THEY BE AN EXCEPTION?
GUESS THAT'S DEMOCRACY
I LIKE YOUR TEETH.
I HAD A GOOD DENTIST
YOU'RE GOING TO NEED ONE
THAT'S BOOTH, HUH?
THOUGHT HE WAS TALLER

HOW'RE YOU DOING, LOGAN?
GOOD. REAL GOOD. I'VE GOT AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE LIMB TECH TOMORROW. GOT A NEW SPLEEN, A PAIR OF LUNGS AND THEY'RE EVEN GOING TO FIX MY HIP. BE BETTER THAN NEW.
GLAD TO HEAR. IT PAPERWORK'S PILING UP.
WE'VE DONE EVERYTHING WE CAN. WE HAVE A FULL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT READY.
WE WON'T, OF COURSE, BE RELEASING ANY OF THIS TO THE PUBLIC.
TEMPERATURE'S RISING.

FLUSHING
VITAL FUNCTIONS OPERATIVE
HE'S ALIVE!
SIR, WELCOME BACK SIR, I'M MEDICAL OFFICER GRANT. THIS IS THE YEAR 2126
I...
I...
HE'S TRYING TO SPEAK!
AHHHUHHHH!
SPASM
NO PULSE!
CLEAR!

FOR TWO DAYS THEY FOUGHT FOR HIS LIFE. BY THE SECOND NIGHT EUSTACE FARGO HOVERED CLOSE TO DEATH.
THERE IS ATROPHY OF VITAL ORGANS. CONTAMINATION FROM THE CRYOGENIC FLUIDS. IT'S CAUSED A CREEPING NECROSIS THAT WE ARE, I'M AFRAID, POWERLESS TO HALT.
IT'S DOUBTFUL HE'LL LAST THE NIGHT.
HE WAS TOO OLD AND TOO WEAK IN THE FIRST PLACE. IT NEVER SHOULD HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTED.
ALL THAT WAY. ALL THAT WAY FOR NOTHING. YEARS DEAD LOGAN CHOPPED UP LIKE ON A BUTCHER'S BLOCK. HAD IT BEEN WORTH IT?
BUT THEY COULDN'T HAVE LEFT HIM. THE FATHER OF JUSTICE IN THAT MADMANS HANDS? IT WAS UNTHINKABLE.
HE'S SPEAKING?
YES. STRANGELY HE HAS MOMENTS OF SURPRISING LUCIDITY.
HE'S BEEN ASKING FOR YOU, YOU AND YOUR BROTHER.
RICO. JOE. IS THAT YOU?
IT'S JOE'S SIR. RICO.
RICO COULDN'T MAKE IT.
WHAT SIR?
I WANT YOU TO KNOW. TELL HIM. TELL HIM FOR ME.
DAMN. I'D TRIED TO DENY IT BUT I DIDN'T BELIEVE MYSELF ANYMORE.
DID WE WRONG TOO FAR. WENT TOO FAR HAWK.
BOOTH HAD TO GO. YOU DID WHAT HAD TO BE DONE.
I WAS NEVER MEANT TO BE FOREVER, JOE. WE CREATED A MONSTER.
WE WERE THE MONSTER. WE GOT GREEDY. WANTED EVERYTHING. SO WE KILLED THE DREAM, JOE. WE KILLED AMERICA.

I'M ASKING YOU, I'M BEGGING YOU MY FLESH, MY BLOOD - IT'S NOT TOO LATE! FIX IOE - YOU AND ROD - YOU CAN DO IT!
ZEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE
STAND BACK!
ZEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE
THAT'S ENOUGH, IT'S NO GOOD.
ZEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE
klik
I'M SORRY, HE'S GONE.

THEY HELD A SMALL SERVICE FOR HIM. INVITED PARTIES ONLY.
IN THE LAST DAYS WAS HARDLY THE FORCE WE REMEMBERED. WE LET THE INSCRIPTION FOREVER READ 2091 AND LET THAT MEMORY OF EUSTACE FARGO FATHER OF JUSTICE REMAIN FIXED FOREVER IN OUR MEMORIES.
TO HIM WE OWE EVERYTHING AND IN HIS MEMORY AS GUARDIANS OF THIS CITY WE GO FOREVER ONWARD
FARGO
HERE LIES JUDGE FARGO 2091-2091
LOT OF FOREVERS IN THERE. NOTHING IN THIS LIFE IS FOREVER.
WHAT DID HE SAY TO YOU?
FARGO? NOTHING IMPORTANT GLAD TO SEE THE CITY IS SAFE HANDS. KEEP THE FAITH.
YOU.
PRETTY MUCH THE SAME.
PRETTY MUCH THE SAME.

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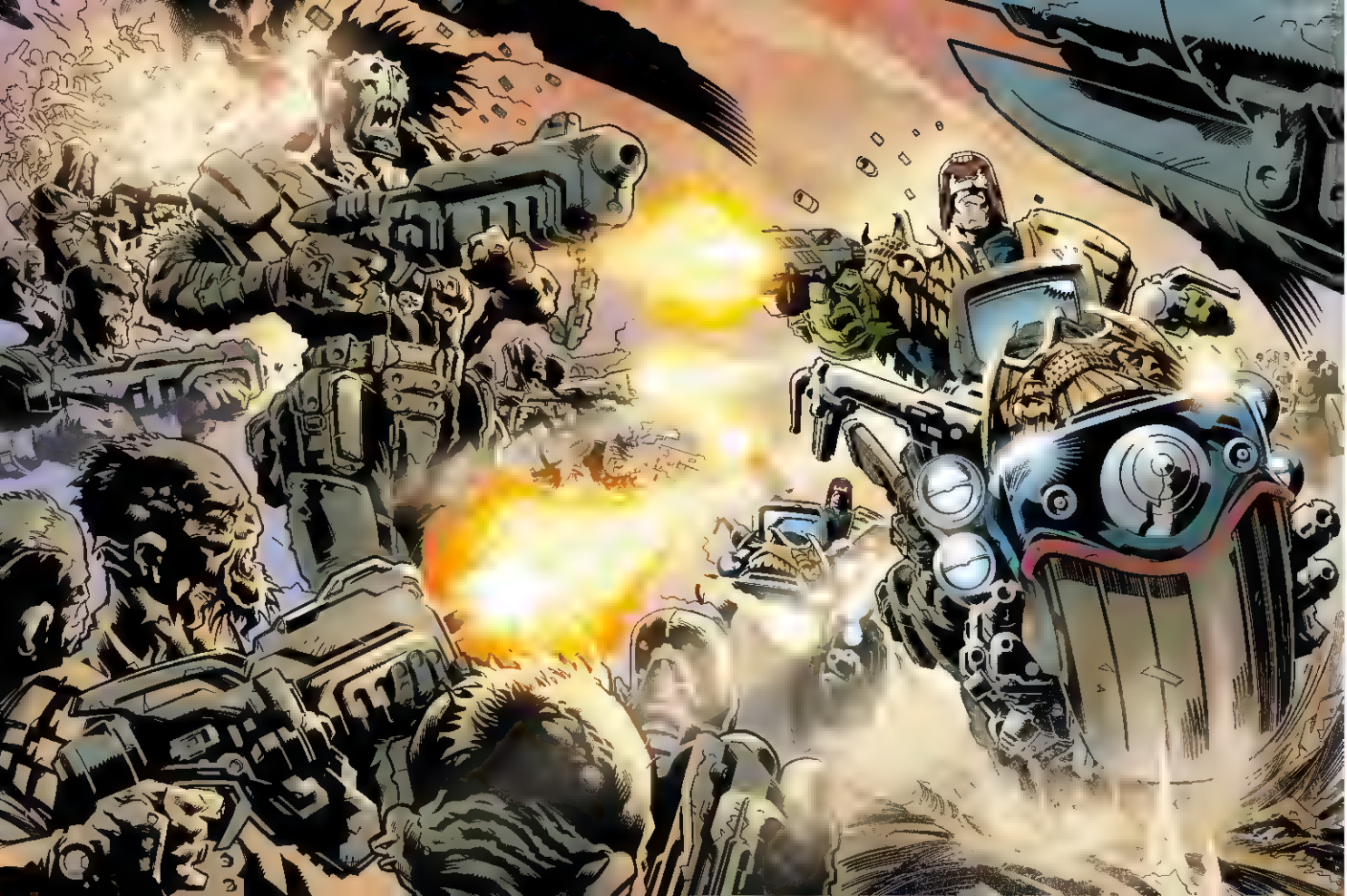

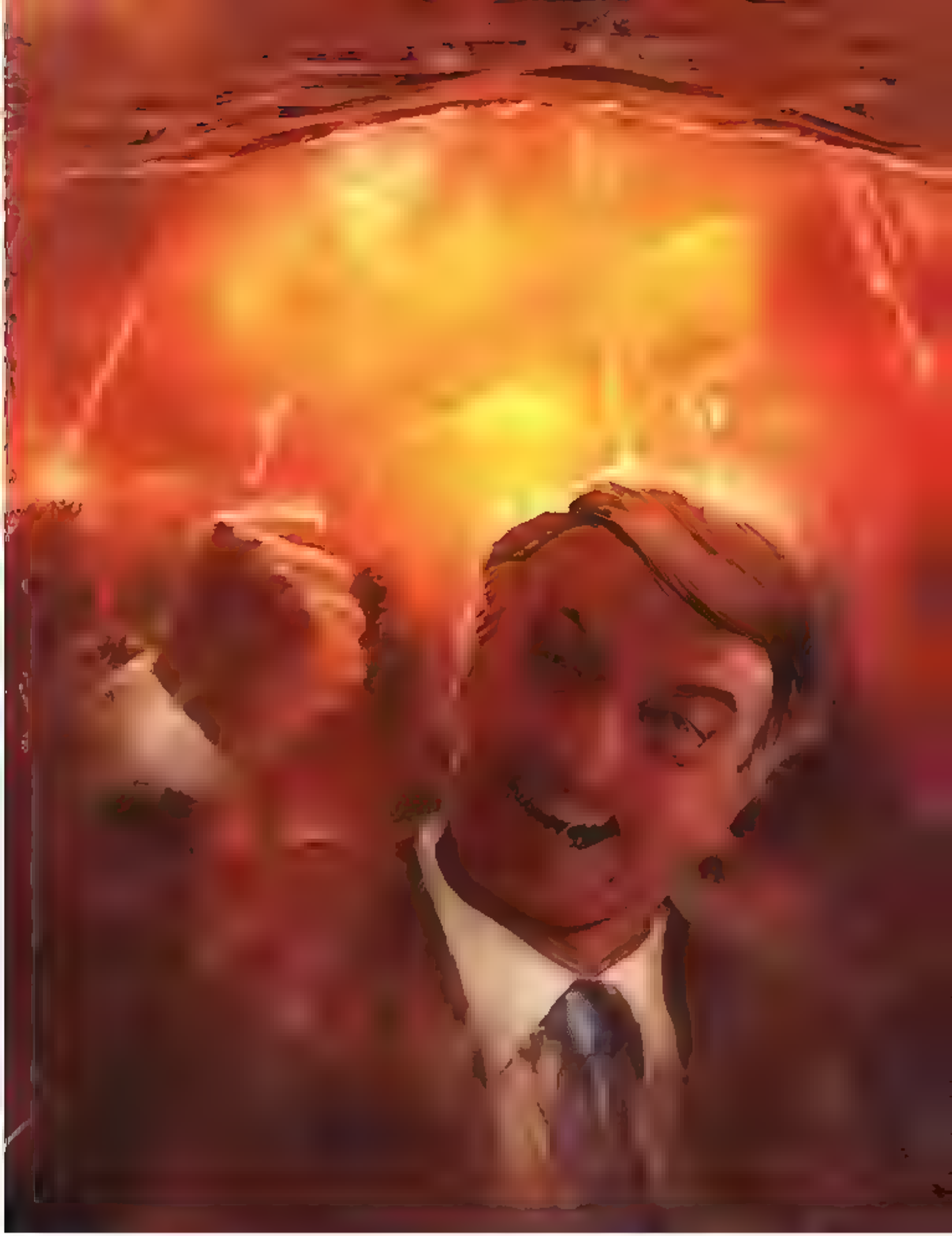

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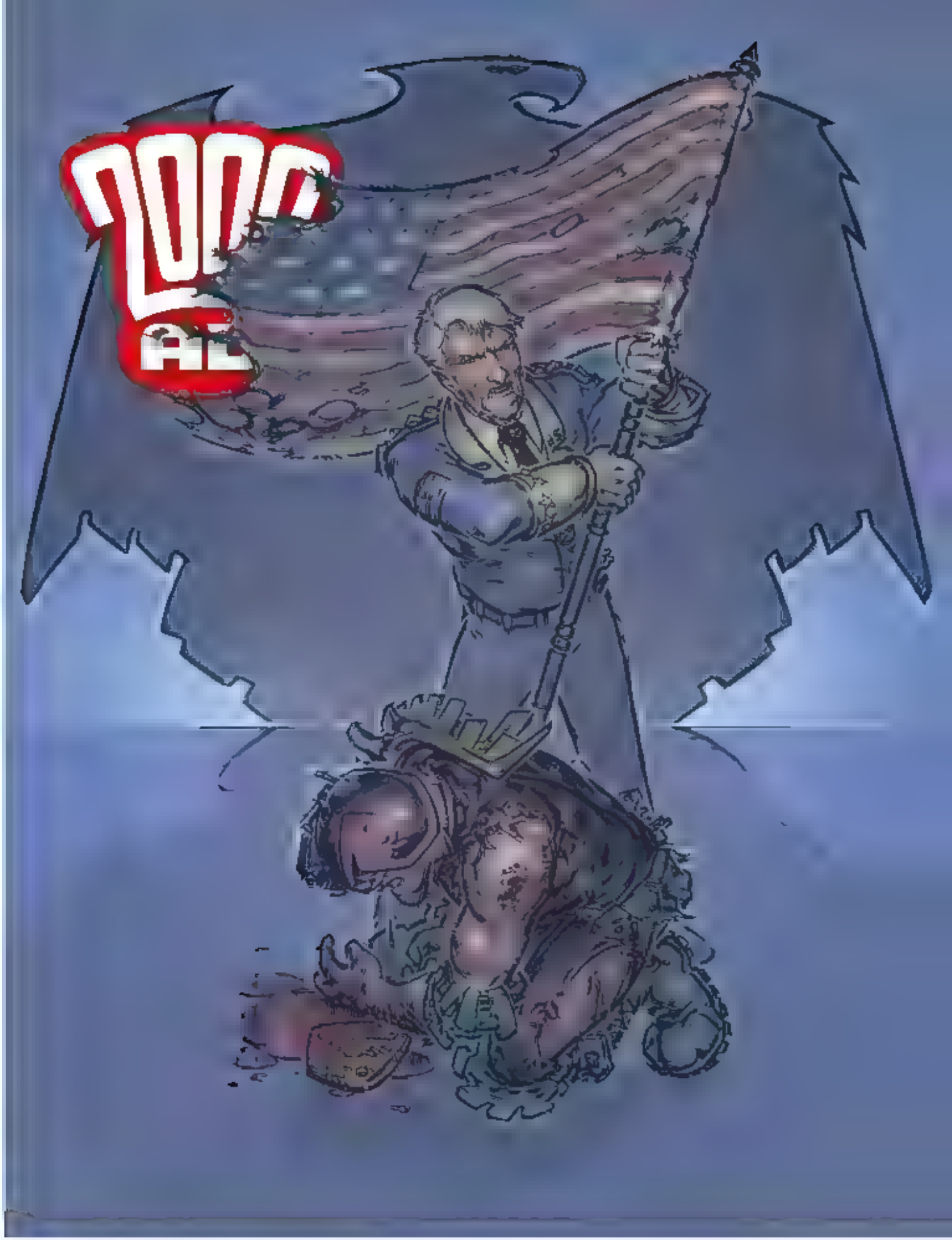

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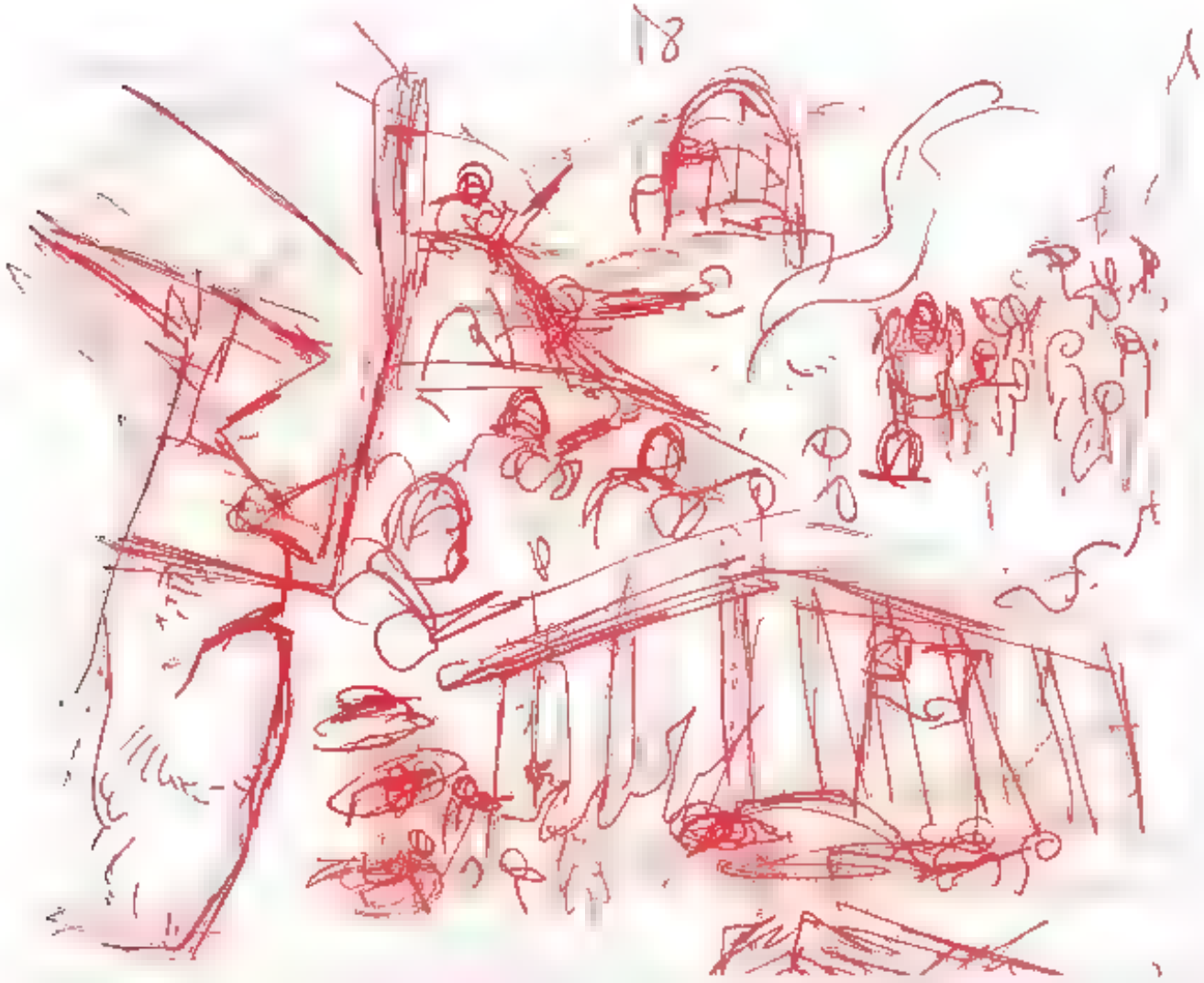

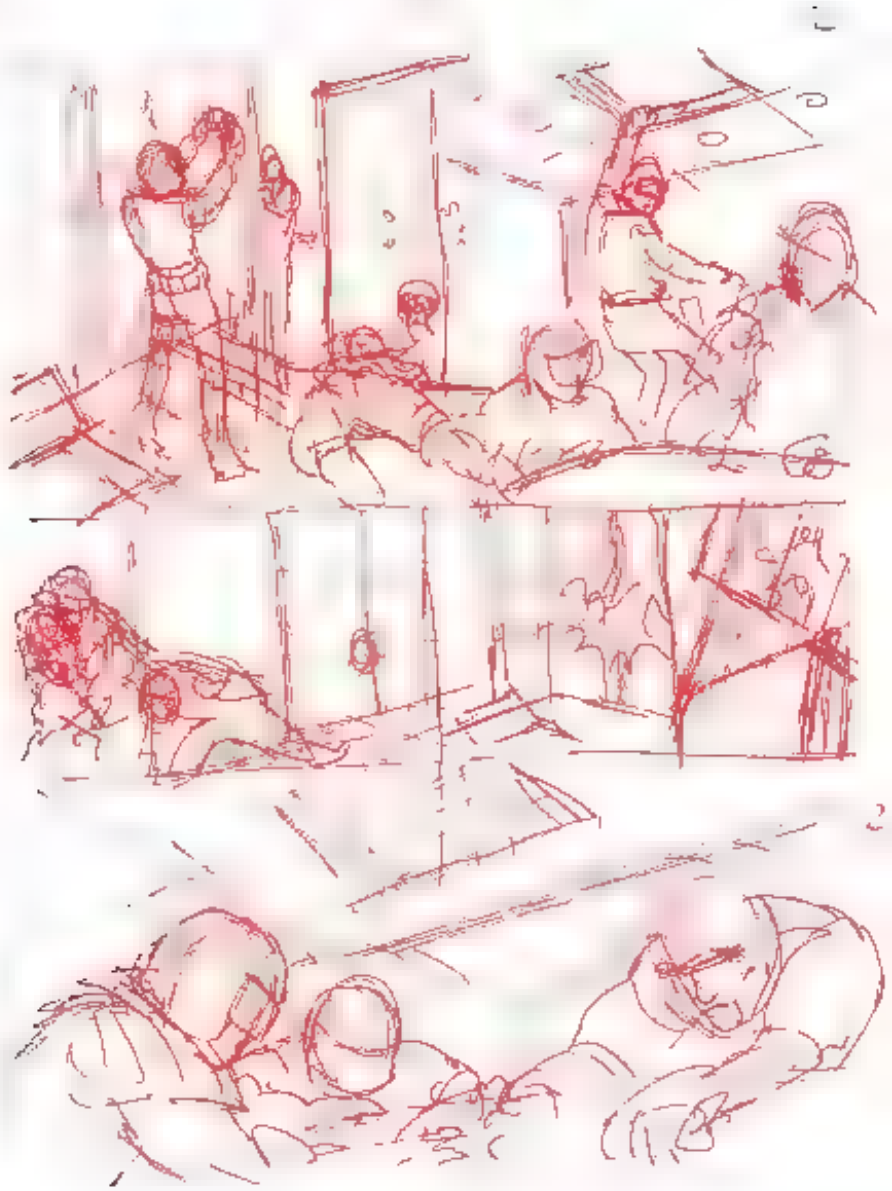

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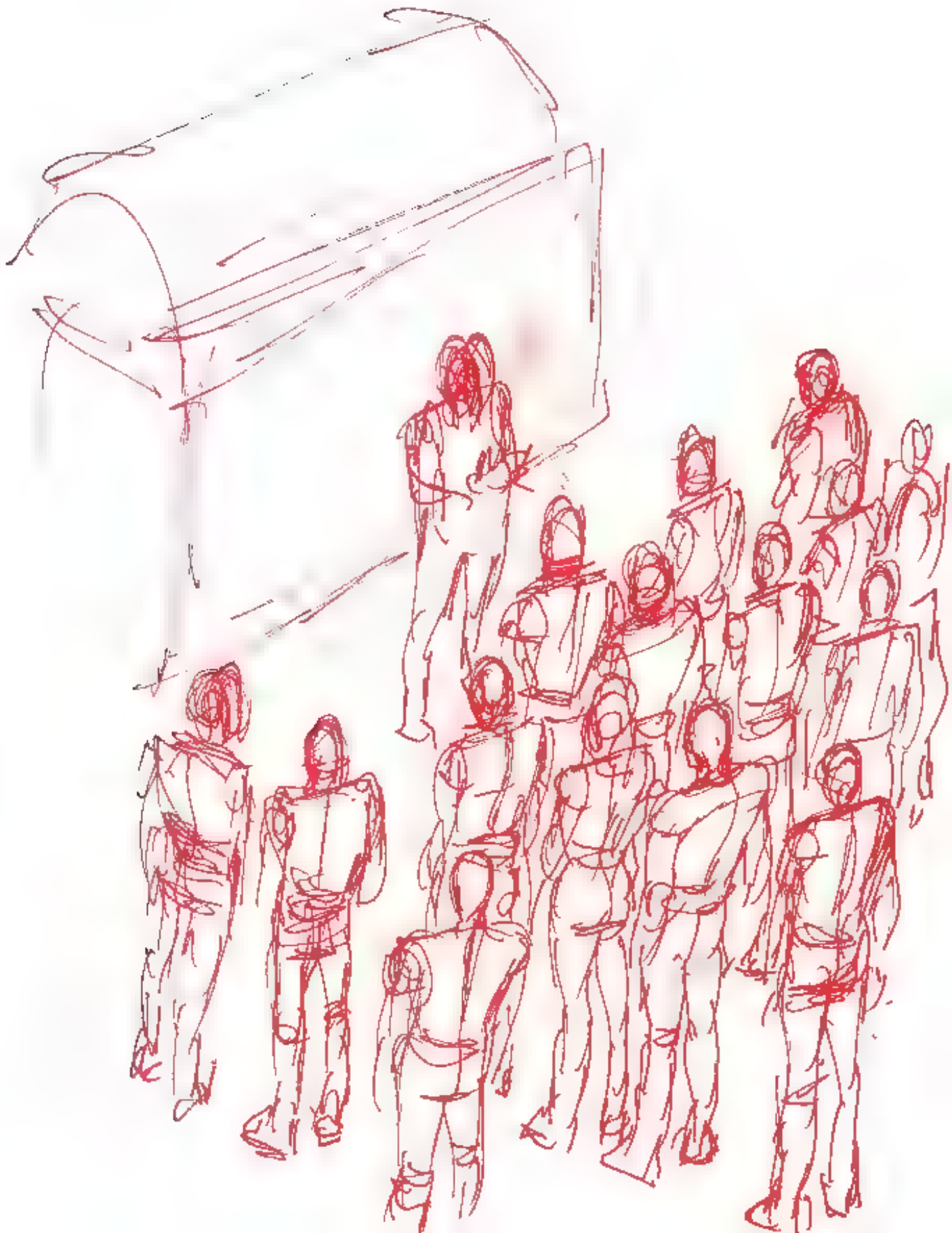

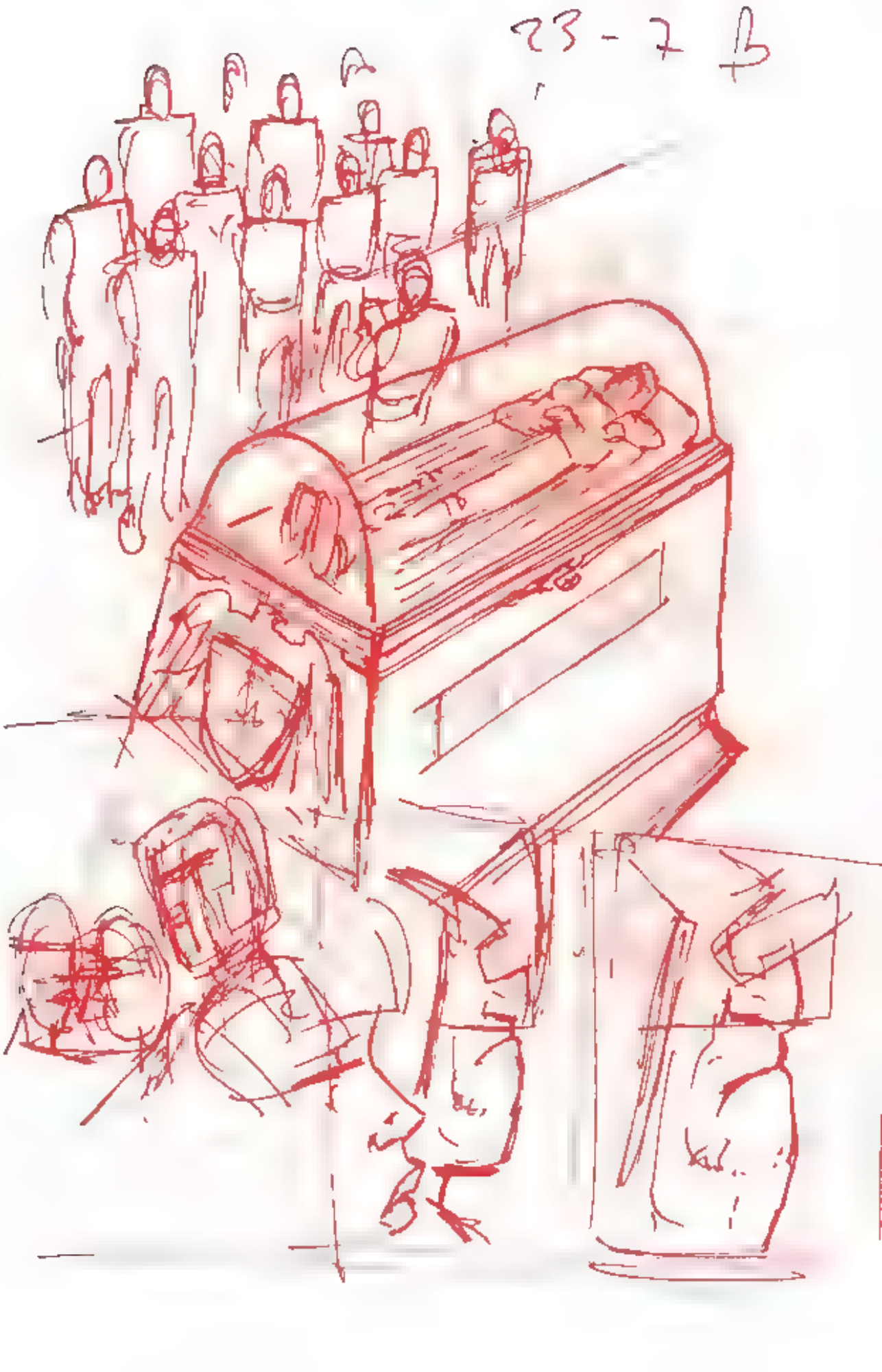
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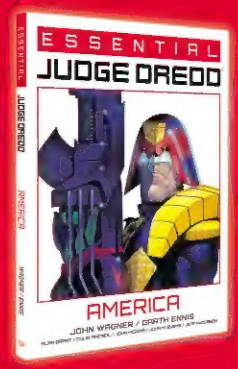

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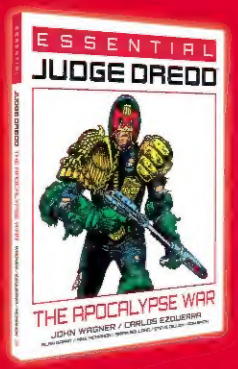

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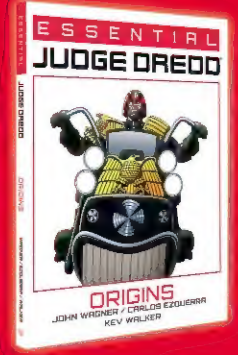

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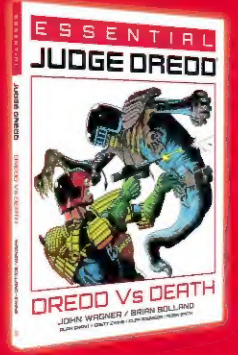

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